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ATCO GROUP IS A PREMIER CANADIAN CORPORATION, ALBERTA BASED
WITH A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION OF COMPANIES AND 6000 EMPLOYEES
ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN UTILITIES, POWER GENERATION, LOGISTICS & ENERGY
SERVICES, TECHNOLOGIES AND INDUSTRIALS.

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ATCO LTD. FIVE YEAR RETURN ON INVESTMENT

THE GRAPH BELOW COMPARES THE CUMULATIVE SHARE OWNER

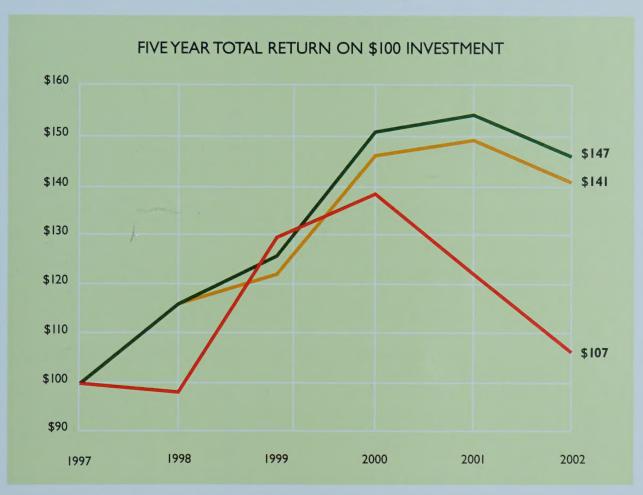
RETURN OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS ON THE

CLASS I NON-VOTING AND CLASS II VOTING SHARES OF THE CORPORATION

(ASSUMING A \$100 INVESTMENT WAS MADE ON DECEMBER 31, 1997)

WITH THE CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN OF THE S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX

ASSUMING REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDENDS.



| Cu | | Compound Growth Rate | |
|-------------------------|-------|-------------------------|--|
| ATCO CLASS I Non-Voting | \$141 | 7.1% | |
| ATCO CLASS II Voting | \$147 | 8.0% | |
| S&P / TSX Composite | \$107 | 1.4% | |

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL RESULTS

(Millions of Canadian Dollars except per share data)

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Financial | | |
| Revenues | 3,196.3 | 3,767.8 |
| Earnings attributable to | | |
| Class I and Class II shares | 163.0 | 124.4 |
| Total assets | 6,403.3 | 5,845.4 |
| Class I and Class II share owners' equity | 1,044.8 | 911.6 |
| Cash flow from operations | 539.8 | 546.6 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 649.2 | 842.5 |
| Class I Non-Voting and Class II Voting Share Data | | |
| Earnings per share | 5.47 | 4.18 |
| Diluted earnings per share | 5.39 | 4.12 |
| Dividends paid per share | 1.16 | 1.04 |
| Equity per share | 35.04 | 30.66 |
| Shares outstanding | 29,816,732 | 29,733,332 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding | 29,790,426 | 29,731,040 |

CONSOLIDATED QUARTERLY RESULTS (1)

(Millions of Canadian Dollars except per share data) (Unaudited)

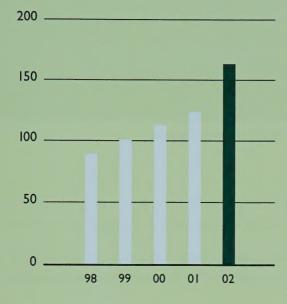
Three Months Ended

| | Timee Months Ended | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|----------|-----------|--------------|-------------|---------|
| | | March 31 | June 30 S | September 30 | December 31 | Total |
| Revenues | 2002 | 922.5 | 699.2 | 598.3 | 976.3 | 3,196.3 |
| | 2001 | 1,502.1 | 909.5 | 651.7 | 704.5 | 3,767.8 |
| Earnings attributable | | | | | | |
| to Class I and | 2002 | 77.7 | 21.8 | 26.3 | 37.2 | 163.0 |
| Class II shares | 2001 | 42.3 | 22.6 | 24.3 | 35.2 | 124.4 |
| Earnings per | | | | | | |
| Class I and | 2002 | 2.61 | 0.73 | 0.89 | 1.24 | 5.47 |
| Class II share | 2001 | 1.42 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 1.18 | 4.18 |
| Diluted earnings | | | | | | |
| per Class I and | 2002 | 2.57 | 0.72 | 0.87 | 1.23 | 5.39 |
| Class II share | 2001 | 1.40 | 0.75 | 0.81 | 1.16 | 4.12 |

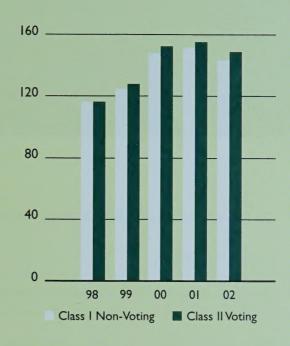
⁽¹⁾ Because of seasonal fluctuations, particularly in the utility operations, quarterly earnings are not indicative of full year results.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

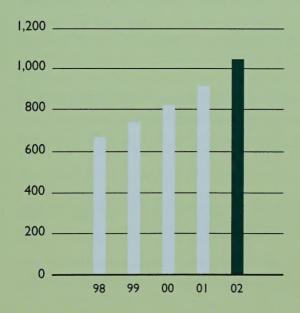
Earnings Attributable to Class I and Class II Shares (Millions of Dollars)



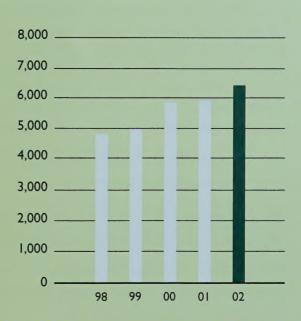
Five Year Total Return on \$100 Investment (Dollars)



Class I and Class II Share Owners' Equity
(Millions of Dollars)



Total Assets
(Millions of Dollars)





R.D. (Ronald) Southern, Chairman

TO THE OWNERS OF OUR CORPORATION

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am honoured to be named your new non-executive Chairman and to offer my congratulations to our new President and Chief Executive Officer, Nancy Southern.

Her President's report to you follows and, while I know she does not expect that smooth courses will always lie ahead, you should know your Board of Directors are unanimous in their confidence in her and the first-rank team of Executives she has assembled to sustain and grow the value of your investment in our Company.

2002 has been marked by a weakening economic outlook, especially in our Power Generation business and an unusual amount of focus on Corporate Governance. I will leave it to your President to discuss ATCO's performance in the problematic economies here and abroad, but I would like to highlight ATCO's governance for you. I trust I will not need to revisit this subject for many years but, against a background of corporate turbulence, it is wholly appropriate that I speak to you on behalf of your Board of Directors with great truth and respect on our ownership, philosophy and governance.

OWNERSHIP It is important for prospective owners to understand that we are a diversified group of companies principally controlled by Sentgraf, a Southern Family Holding Company.

It is also important for present and prospective owners to understand that our share registry has both non-voting and voting common shares.

Our performance and record of achievement for building value for our owners shows us to be tied at least equal first with widely held corporations through both short and long business cycles.

PHILOSOPHY We believe our people should be free of duplicity or subterfuge. People whose honesty and integrity compel them to a code of moral and ethical values that produce utter sincerity and candor in everything

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO OWNERS

we do as a result, we believe in **great** transparency, dedication, and sense of duty to you, the owners of our Shares, from Directors and Officers alike.

We believe in situational pre-emptive management from time to time by many people in our organization, and we believe in our own definition of Excellence, which measures our performance:

- Going far beyond what anyone might ever expect
- Having the highest standards and always striving for them
- Paying attention to the smallest detail and caring!

GOVERNANCE Much attention is being given today to the adequacy of Auditing processes and full disclosure of significant developments; therefore, in addition to the Annual Report, may I refer you to our MD&A¹, AIF², and Proxy Circular documents for informative and transparent disclosure on the affairs of your Corporation.

In the future, we will support changes proposed for "principle based" regulations that require compliance or explanation ("comply or explain"). We believe this approach offers flexibility and intelligent discretion for our Company, and we are pleased to see a growing number of nations adopting this approach rather than the brittleness and rigidity of rules-based Sarbanes-Oxley type legislation being recommended in the United States, where managers can argue that if they meet the law then everything is alright. This is nonsense of course because no amount of law will ever completely constrain those who wish to circumnavigate it.

As to quality and independence of Directors, it may not be for me to say, but as your Chairman since 1980, I have always understood the need – and my pivotal role – in creating conditions for freedom of expression without limitation by individual Directors and to have a Board of Directors of great and varied experience that functions as a unified, informed, and judicious body whose collective duty it is to promote the success of your Company.

¹ MD&A – Management's Discussion & Analysis

² AIF – Annual Information Form

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO OWNERS

GOVERNANCE (continued)

Most of what we do today has been in place for many years and our initiatives in some cases, such as our introduction of Lead Directors, Designated Audit Directors and Risk Management Directors, have been pioneering and have marched in the first rank of good corporate practices.

The ATCO Group has developed a unique but effective system of Corporate Governance that has evolved from the challenging requirements to provide oversight to an organization with a diverse number of distinct POSs³. The key elements of this system of Corporate Governance are the oversight and diligence provided by the Boards of Directors of the Business Groups, Lead Directors, and the Audit, Risk Review and GOCOM⁴ of the Board of Directors, which we have summarized as follows:

- There are five business groups, each comprised of a number of POSs reporting to a Managing Director.
 Each Business Group has a Board of Directors that is responsible for authorizing and approving the annual
 business plans, material contracts, strategic transactions, financings and major capital expenditures for each
 POS within the Business Group.
- Your Company uses Lead Directors to provide more in-depth analysis and knowledge for their colleagues. They often perform special tasks for the Board.
- The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised of independent Directors with financial expertise chaired by one of our most senior and experienced Directors.
- Each POS in the ATCO Group has a DAD⁵ appointed by its parent corporation. These DADs, who report to the Audit Committee of the parent corporation, approve audit plans, ensure there is an appropriate system of internal control, and review quarterly and year end financial statements of the POSs.

³ POS – Principal Operating Subsidiaries

⁴ GOCOM - Corporate Governance - Nomination, Succession and Compensation Committee

⁵ DAD – Designated Audit Directors

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER TO OWNERS

- The Risk Review Committee of the Board of Directors provides oversight of the Corporation's risk management and control practices and reviews risks that could materially affect its ability to achieve strategic and operating objectives. The President of each POS chairs a Risk Management Committee that reports to the Risk Review Committee. The POS's Risk Management Committee meetings are held at least twice a year attended by senior officers and managers and the subsidiary's DAD.
- Corporate Governance Oversight of our Corporate Governance rests with GOCOM and is comprised of
 your Board's most senior and experienced Directors who, in addition to appraising individual and combined
 Directors' performances, are responsible for succession planning, assessing compensation and performance
 of officers, and identifying and recommending potential candidates to your Board.

One size does not fit all Corporates, but for us our system is effective. We hope we can streamline it each year to ease the load being carried by our Directors which is by any standard formidable!

In 2002, your 18 outside Directors of ATCO and its subsidiaries were employed in Board Meetings, Committee Meetings and special assignments such as DADs and Risk Management assessments a total of 3,024 hours for a combined total of 432 days a noteworthy effort by truly dedicated people!

On your behalf, I want to take this opportunity to thank them for their remarkable contribution to our standards and values.

Respectfully submitted,

Yours sincerely,

R.D. SOUTHERN

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



N.C. (Nancy) Southern, President and Chief Executive Officer

Dear Share Owners:

Stability and prosperity gave way to a global economic slowdown in 2002, with uncertainty and conflict as the dominant features of this past year's stalled economy.

ATCO is not immune to the volatility of the current environment. In fact, our Group was further challenged by the worldwide recession in the power generation industry. We witnessed formerly creditworthy counterparts fail. Oversupply forced prices down and government intervention altered robust market conditions that originally prompted power plant investment.

In contrast, the diversity of our Group once again played a significant role in our ability to offset depressed returns in one activity with enhanced profitability in another. This is a unique strength in ATCO, which also allows us to spread risk across our entire portfolio of enterprise. In addition, the Group's well-developed long term divesture strategy released significant value for Share Owners through the sale of the Viking gas field, delivering \$34.9 million in earnings.

We also made further progress on the divestment of another underutilized asset this year by concluding the key principal agreements with Direct Energy to acquire our Utilities' retail services for gas and electric. Pending Alberta Energy and Utilities Board hearings and other conditions of sale, we expect the transaction to close by mid-2003.

Detailed descriptions of the specific accomplishments our Business Groups achieved in 2002 are provided by our Managing Directors in our operations report. I commend their commentary to you.

As I assume the full responsibility of leading ATCO as President and Chief Executive Officer in 2003, I want to provide you with a clear understanding of how I intend to proceed.

I am a strong advocate of transparency, the need for real-time significant information flowing up and down the organization. Preemptive identification of risk and opportunities is paramount and even more crucial is the preemptive identification of operating situations which, if left unaddressed, may result in negative surprises for our owners. Indeed, transparency is the fundamental founding trait of not only our operations, but for our governance architecture as referred to by the Chairman in his letter to you.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

We believe the test of success for any corporation and the differentiating factor in ATCO is the ability to give Share Owners sustainable earnings growth through the business cycles. Given the economic climate throughout 2002 and in preparation for the uncertainty of 2003, senior management has and is actively addressing cost improvements and performance enhancements.

Our five Managing Directors are working tirelessly to ensure each of our principal operating subsidiaries is the lowest cost producer in their respective industries, and we expect continuous innovation and determined execution to be their number one top priority.

Human resource policies and finance will continue to be centralized core functions. Under the leadership of our Chief Financial Officer, the Group issued \$150 million of perpetual preferred shares and \$100 million of long term debt in 2002, which serves to strengthen our balance sheet and provide us with greater flexibility for future opportunities.

We are pleased with our diversity. Our focus for the immediate future is to hone our vigorous executive and administrative base, to assure our controlled growth strategy.

Our Owners should know we have no intention of following a high-risk growth strategy and will ignore 'knee jerk' opportunities.

Of course, none of our achievements of the past, nor any we might contemplate in the future, would be possible without our executives, who bring enormous personal energy, balanced resolution and dependability under stress to our plans and I want to thank them most sincerely for their dedication, commitment and loyalty.

In closing, I wish to thank the Board of Directors for their wise, deliberate and steadying counsel.

I also want to thank Craighton Twa, who has recently retired as President and Chief Operating Officer, for his sterling 43-year contribution to our Group of companies.

NANCY SOUTHERN

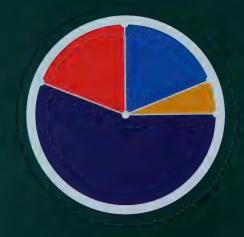
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

M.C. South

SEGMENTED FINANCIAL INFORMATION

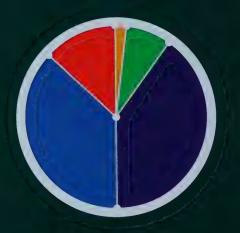
DURING 2002, THE BUSINESS GROUPS CONTINUED TO BUILD VALUE FOR SHARE OWNERS BY IMPROVING ONGOING OPERATIONS AND CAPTURING NEW BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES OFTEN OF A "GREENFIELDS" NATURE.

Revenue (percentage by segment)



- O Utilities 56%
- Logistics & Energy Services 19%
- O Power Generation 19%
- Industrials 6%

Total Assets (percentage by segment)



- O Utilities 40%
- O Power Generation 37%
- Logistics & Energy Services 13%
- Technologies, Other & Corporate 8%
- Industrials 2%

BUSINESS GROUPS MANAGING DIRECTORS

G.K. (Gary) Bauer, Managing Director, Power Generation

POWER GENERATION

ATCO Power is an international leader in developing, constructing, owning and operating independent, environmentally progressive natural gas fired power projects in Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia. The total capacity of these plants is nearly 5000 MW. The Power Generation Group combines ATCO Power's independent power plants with our regulated "legacy" plants in Alberta.



J.R. (Dick) Frey, Managing Director, Utilities

UTILITIES

ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric, the Utilities Group's two principal operating companies, deliver natural gas and electricity to approximately one million industrial, commercial and residential customers in Alberta, Yukon and the Northwest Territories. ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric have largely moved out of energy production, which enables them to focus on their core business of delivering energy.



M.M. (Michael) Shaw, Managing Director, Logistics & Energy Services

LOGISTICS & ENERGY SERVICES

ATCO Frontec provides project management and technical services, operation and maintenance, technology transfer and training services to the defence, telecommunications, resource, transportation and utility sectors. ATCO Pipelines transmits natural gas throughout Alberta to industrial, producer and gas distribution companies using high-pressure pipelines. ATCO Midstream owns and operates natural gas gathering, processing, storage and liquids extraction facilities providing services to Canadian natural gas producers and shippers.



S.W. (Siegfried) Kiefer, Managing Director, Technologies

TECHNOLOGIES

ATCO I-Tek provides billing and customer care services, information technology integration and support, and applications strategy development and implementation to a diverse client group. ATCO Travel provides a wide range of corporate and vacation travel services. ASHCOR Technologies markets coal combustion products. Genics develops, manufactures and markets innovative, environmentally friendly wood preservation products.



W.A. (Walter) Kmet, Managing Director, Industrials

INDUSTRIALS

ATCO Structures manufactures, sells and leases workforce housing and modular buildings to more than 100 countries around the world. ATCO Noise Management provides complete noise reduction services for new and existing industrial facilities around the world including acoustical consulting, engineering, and construction of the abatement measures with guaranteed performance.

¹ Subsidiaries within each Business Group also have separate Boards of Directors



POWER GENERATION GROUP

THE POWER GENERATION GROUP COMBINES THE INDEPENDENT POWER PLANTS
BUILT AND OPERATED BY ATCO POWER WITH THE REGULATED LEGACY PLANTS IN
ALBERTA PREVIOUSLY OWNED BY ATCO ELECTRIC. THE GROUP OPERATES IN
CANADA, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND AUSTRALIA AND IS AN INTERNATIONAL
LEADER IN DEVELOPING, CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING
ENVIRONMENTALLY PROGRESSIVE NATURAL GAS FIRED PLANTS.

ATCO Power

2002 was another significant year in the growth of the

Power Generation Group. The Group realised strong overall plant performance, progressed construction on five new generation plants (representing more than 1200-MW of capacity) and successfully closed a major financing that raised \$403 million of non-recourse long-term debt – the largest non-recourse power plant financing ever closed in Canada.

ATCO Power is well positioned to maintain its rank as a leading Canadian based independent power producer. The Group has a wide portfolio of efficient generating assets, with the vast majority of electric and steam output sold under long term contracts and financed with long term non-recourse loans.

CANADA: One of the major new projects under construction is the 580-MW gas-fired combined-cycle Brighton Beach generating plant in Windsor, Ontario. This is ATCO Power's first project in Ontario and demonstrates its successful entry into deregulated power markets following those of the United Kingdom, Australia and Alberta.

In Ontario, the introduction of market deregulation, effective May 1, 2002, allowed ATCO Power and its partner Ontario Power Generation Inc. to develop the Brighton Beach Project by entering into a long-term tolling agreement whereby Coral Energy will deliver natural gas fuel and purchase the entire output of the plant. Construction began in the second quarter of 2002, with completion planned for the second quarter of 2004. The partnership achieved financial close on a \$403 million long-term, non-recourse debt financing for the Brighton Beach Project in 2002.

Growth in the Power Generation Group will be significant in the near term as five plants totalling 1200-MW are scheduled for completion during 2003-2004. SaskPower International Inc. is a joint owner of two of these plants. The 260-MW Cory Cogeneration Project at the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan mine near Saskatoon achieved Commercial Operations on January 15, 2003. This plant is selling all electric energy produced to Saskatchewan Power Corporation and steam to Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan under long-term agreements. The 170-MW Muskeg River

Photo: ATCO Power and SaskPower International partnered on this 260-MW cogeneration plant at the Cory Mine site of the Potash Corporation of Saskatchewan. The plant began providing electricity to the Saskatchewan power grid in December of 2002.



The Muskeg River Cogeneration Project is located 75 kilometres north of Fort McMurray in Alberta and is owned 70% by ATCO Power and 30% by SaskPower International. It is a 170-MW high-efficiency cogeneration plant that will supply reliable steam and power to the Athabasca Oil Sands extraction project. The plant achieved completion on January 1, 2003.

Cogeneration Project near Fort McMurray is 70% owned by the ATCO Power Generation Group and 30% owned by SaskPower International Inc. It achieved Commercial Operations in January, 2003. This plant will sell approximately half the electric energy and all the steam to the Muskeg River mine site under a long-term agreement. The balance of the electric energy will be sold into the Power Pool of Alberta.

The Power Generation Group is sole owner of the 170-MW Scotford Upgrader Cogeneration Project, expected to achieve Commercial Operations in the third quarter of 2003. This plant will sell approximately 80% of its electric energy and all the steam to the Scotford Upgrader under a long-term offtake agreement.

Completion of the 32-MW Oldman River Dam Project near Pincher Creek, Alberta, is expected in the second quarter of 2003. The Oldman River Dam Project is the first independent hydroelectric project for the Group. This run-of-river hydro project will provide a new source of clean generation

that can be marketed at premium prices in southern Alberta, where additional capacity is required. The Piikani Nation has an option to purchase a 25% interest in the plant following completion.

The power industry in Alberta was deregulated on January 1, 2001. On that date, the output of the legacy plants began to be sold under long-term Power Purchase Arrangements. The main legacy plants are the coal-fired stations at Sheerness and Battle River, whose ownership is held by Alberta Power (2000) Ltd. Sheerness is a 750-MW plant operated by ATCO Power and jointly owned with TransAlta Utilities. The 680-MW Battle River plant is solely owned by Alberta Power (2000).

Both plants achieved high availability operations for the year despite Battle River experiencing severe drought conditions, which caused its cooling water reservoir (created by a 12-metre dam on the Battle River) to fall to record low levels.

Another legacy plant, the 150-MW coal-fired H. R. Milner plant near Grande Cache, was sold to

ONE OF THE MAJOR NEW PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

IS THE 580-MW GAS-FIRED COMBINED-CYCLE

BRIGHTON BEACH GENERATING PLANT

IN WINDSOR, ONTARIO.

the Alberta Balancing Pool in early 2001, and ATCO Power has an operating agreement that expires in the fall of 2003.

The Group operates a number of proven-technology, state-of-the-art, efficient gas-fired cogeneration and peaking plants. In British Columbia, the 120-MW McMahon cogeneration plant sells all its electric energy under a long-term agreement to BC Hydro and steam to the Westcoast gas plant. In Alberta, the Group's portfolio of plants includes the 480-MW Joffre cogeneration plant, the 85-MW Primrose steam enhancement plant, the 89-MW Rainbow Lake cogeneration and peaking plants, and the 43-MW Poplar Hill and 46-MW Valleyview peaking plants.

UNITED KINGDOM: ATCO Power's principal U.K. asset is the 1,000-MW gas-fired combined-cycle plant at Barking in east London. The company operates the plant and has a 25.5% equity interest. During 2002, TXU Europe, one of the shareholders/offtakers of Barking Power Limited, petitioned the High Court for the appointment of an Administrator. Barking Power Limited is seeking compensation through the Administrator and is

seeking a replacement offtaker for the 275 megawatts formerly under long-term contract with TXU Europe.

ATCO Power is a joint owner with London Electricity of a 14-MW cogeneration plant at Heathrow Airport in London.

AUSTRALIA: ATCO Power's largest asset in Australia is the 180-MW Osborne cogeneration plant near Adelaide, commissioned in 1998. The new Bulwer Island Cogeneration Project commenced commercial operation on January 1, 2001. The 33-MW Bulwer Island plant supplies electricity and steam to the British Petroleum's Bulwer Island Refinery in Queensland. Both of these plants are jointly owned with Origin Energy.

G. K. (GARY) BAUER,

MANAGING DIRECTOR, POWER GENERATION



UTILITIES GROUP

THE UTILITIES GROUP COMPANIES DELIVER GAS, ELECTRICITY AND WATER TO MORE THAN ONE MILLION CUSTOMERS ACROSS ALBERTA, YUKON AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES.

In 2002:

- ATCO Gas delivered nearly 232 petajoules of natural gas to consumers
- ATCO Electric and its subsidiaries Yukon Electrical, Northland Utilities (NWT) and Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) delivered 10,224 million kilowatt hours of electric energy
- CU Water built a new 50-km pipeline to bring quality water to three more communities in east-central Alberta.

Together, these companies have \$2.5 billion in assets. Our 2,539 employees take great pride in our record for safe, reliable delivery of natural gas, electricity, water and our exceptional customer service.

DEREGULATION AND THE SALE OF ATCO'S RETAIL BUSINESS Alberta's continuing transition to a deregulated market for natural gas and electricity formed the backdrop for the Utilities Group operations in 2002. Throughout the year, the Utilities Group provided input on deregulation to the provincial government. In August, the government announced its intended direction for new legislation to be introduced in 2003 to remove barriers to the development of retail competition and bring electricity and natural gas legislation into closer alignment.

The highlight of the year was the December 10 announcement that Direct Energy will purchase

the retail energy businesses of ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric. The agreement still requires regulatory approvals.

As Canada's leading provider of retail energy and home services, Direct Energy will assume responsibility for providing natural gas and electricity to ATCO's utility customers once regulatory approval is received. This will enable ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric to focus on their core business of providing safe, reliable delivery of energy to customers.

ATCO and Direct Energy are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for customers. To achieve this goal, the Utilities Group has appointed a Retail Transition Team, which will build on ATCO Electric's successful transition to a retail environment in 2000 by ensuring that systems and procedures are adapted and staff are well trained.

ATCO Gas

Consistent with the focus on delivery, ATCO Gas has com-

pleted the sale of all production properties owned and operated by ATCO Gas. Early in the year, customers received a rebate from the sale of the Viking-Kinsella property, and ATCO recognised a gain on the sale of \$34.9 million after tax. In 2002, ATCO Gas also completed the sale of the Beaverhill Lake and Fort Saskatchewan properties. Customers will receive a rebate from the sale of these properties in 2003.

Photo: ATCO Electric delivers safe, reliable electricity to more than 137,000 homes and farms in more than 200 communities. Through a network of more than 62,000 kms of power lines, ATCO crews are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to outages and emergencies.



With over 90 years of experience, ATCO Gas delivers safe, reliable natural gas to more than 2.4 million people in 291 communities across Alberta. Our crews are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to respond to emergencies.

Construction investment hit near-record levels during the year, as almost 25,000 new customers were added to the ATCO Gas delivery system.

Capital investment – which totalled \$102.2 million during the year – will continue to be strong. In 2003, significant capital projects include moving approximately 200,000 meters from inside to outside customers' homes over the next five years. This will replace aging infrastructure and facilitate efficient meter reading. To meet the need for accurate monthly billing information for customers and retailers, ATCO Gas is also implementing monthly reading of all meters.

Early in the year, ATCO Gas reorganised into four operating divisions, an initiative that enhances the company's ability to maintain and grow its business by building even stronger relationships with the communities it serves.

In August, ATCO Gas submitted an application to the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board for delivery rates for 2003 and 2004. This application reflects increased investment needed to meet growth in Alberta's robust economy and to provide a

natural gas delivery system that addresses the needs of buyers and sellers in the competitive market.

The rate application also reflects the end of a fiveyear incentive regulation agreement between ATCO Gas and customers, which affected the company's earnings in 2002. The end of the incentive regulation and the re-establishment of a fair and reasonable rate of return should positively impact the company.

responding to growth in its service area. The company invested \$83.6 million to build local distribution facilities and \$68.5 million to construct transmission facilities.

In 2002, ATCO won the bid to build a third major transmission line between Fort McMurray and the Edmonton area. The provincial Transmission Administrator tendered the contract and ATCO Utility Services, which was established to pursue competitive, non-regulated transmission opportunities, was the successful bidder. Subsequently, the Transmission Administrator

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE YEAR WAS THE DECEMBER 10

ANNOUNCEMENT THAT DIRECT ENERGY WILL PURCHASE

THE RETAIL ENERGY BUSINESSES OF

ATCO GAS AND ATCO ELECTRIC.

decided to direct-assign the project to ATCO Electric, and the more than 400-km line will be built as a regulated asset.

Throughout 2002, ATCO Electric continued to provide energy to customers through its regulated rate option (RRO). The company's customers benefited from the lowest RRO of any provider in the province. In December, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board approved ATCO Electric's application to move to a flow-through of pool price for its RRO customers. The flow-through rate eliminates the risk of building up large deferral accounts and will assist the development of a competitive retail market in Alberta.

In August, ATCO Electric also filed a General Rate Application for the years 2003-2005 with the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board. This application reflects continued high levels of investment for new distribution and transmission facilities.

In 2003, ATCO Electric's newest northern subsidiary, Northland Utilities (Yellowknife), will celebrate its 10th anniversary in the ATCO Group. The Yellowknife operation experienced particularly strong growth in 2002, driven largely by expanding

diamond mining activity in the Northwest Territories. Northland will conduct a study on upgrading the electrical distribution system in Yellowknife to accommodate growth and provide a higher level of reliability.

CU WATER Through its pipeline system, CU Water offers reliable delivery of safe, high-quality treated water to municipalities and businesses in east-central Alberta. CU Water also owns and operates the municipal water distribution system (including metering and billing) in one community, and it is pursuing the acquisition of other systems.

CU Water extended its system in 2002. A new 50-km pipeline brought water to three communities in east-central Alberta. Construction of the project was fast-tracked to meet the October deadline, a measure much appreciated by residents of the drought-stricken area. CU Water continues to pursue opportunities for growth and investment.

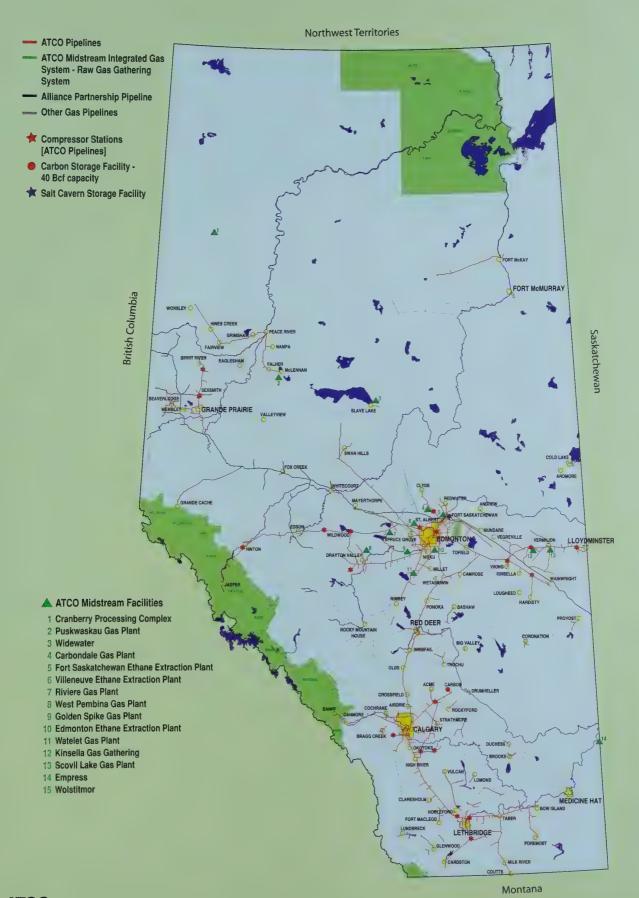
J. R. (DICK) FREY,

MANAGING DIRECTOR, UTILITIES

ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM



NATURAL GAS SYSTEM



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LOGISTICS AND ENERGY SERVICES GROUP

THE LOGISTICS AND ENERGY SERVICES GROUP INCLUDES THREE COMPANIES ATCO FRONTEC, ATCO MIDSTREAM AND ATCO PIPELINES, FOCUSED ON PROVIDING ADVANCED LOGISTICS AND ENERGY MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO A DIVERSE CUSTOMER BASE.

realised significant accomplishments in 2002, starting with the completion of a five-year contract to continue operation and maintenance of NORAD's North Warning System through Nasittuq Corporation.

In the first quarter, the Government of Canada exercised a one-year option on the initial two-year contract to extend the Balkan's Contract. Originally awarded to ATCO Frontec in June 2000, this outsourcing contract – designed to allow Canadian soldiers to focus on peacekeeping activities – involves nearly 500 staff supporting five peacekeeping camps and 1,500 Canadian soldiers. ATCO consistently achieved superior ratings during 2002 performance reviews from the Department of National Defence.

In northern Canada, Tli Cho Logistics Inc. – a corporation owned jointly by ATCO Frontec and the Dogrib Rae Band – successfully transitioned its site services contract at the Diavik diamond mine site in the Northwest Territories from a construction/development phase into an operational phase. Tli Cho has been at the Diavik site since the onset of construction.

During 2002, Voisey's Bay Nickel Company reached agreement for the Voisey's Bay nickel project

with the Newfoundland and Labrador provincial government and the Inuit and Innu aboriginal groups. Project development got underway in earnest and activity increased significantly at Torngait Services Inc. (TSI), a joint venture created in 1995 between ATCO Frontec and the Inuit of Labrador in anticipation of Voisey's Bay development. TSI concluded work relating to site logistics including construction camp and utilities and general maintenance, materials handling and security. Additional contracts for construction, communications, marine transportation and site surveying were also undertaken by TSI. For 2003, activity at site will increase significantly, and TSI is well positioned to continue to participate in this mining project.

OPPORTUNITIES ATCO Frontec, on behalf of the Logistics and Energy Services Group, has led efforts to position the ATCO Group of Companies for participation in a northern gas pipeline project. A cross-organisational Northern Pipeline Development Task Force has marketed the northern capabilities of ATCO Frontec, ATCO Pipelines, ATCO Midstream, ATCO Structures, ATCO Noise Management, ATCO Gas, ATCO Electric and ATCO Power to project proponents.

Photo: For over 14 years, ATCO Frontec and its partners have successfully operated and maintained the North Warning System, consistently achieving or exceeding operational availability requirements of 96% on radar and communications systems. This remote radar site at BAR-2, Shingle Point in the Yukon Territory is one of 47 similar installations that span Canada's north.



ATCO Midstream works with producers to gather, process, store and extract liquids from their natural gas. Midstream's Golden Spike Gas Plant, located west of Edmonton, ties into ATCO Pipelines' natural gas transmission network of more than 8,200 kms of pipelines and 200 receipt points.

ATCO Frontec's experience in developing longterm aboriginal relationships, delivering northern logistics and successfully implementing aboriginal training programs is viewed by project proponents as adding significant value.

ATCO Frontec will focus on creating new opportunities in the mining industry, maintaining its presence in the Balkans, and seeking further opportunities with NATO, Department of National Defence and the U.S. Air Force.

and processing, storage, natural gas liquids extraction and energy to a broad customer base. ATCO Midstream is focused on building long-term relationships by providing customers with cost-effective, timely, innovative solutions.

MIDSTREAM GROUP ACTIVITIES The Gas Gathering and Processing group continued to maintain a high standard in 2002 by operating its gas plants at approximately 85% capacity with 97% availability. Reduced industry drilling activity

caused throughput to decline in a number of locations; however, the group successfully increased volumes at several plants. In early 2002, additional gas was contracted for the remaining capacity at the Scovil Lake gas plant to Burlington Resources Canada Energy Ltd. In late 2002, the remaining capacity at the Puskwaskau gas plant was contracted with the connection of incremental Anadarko Canada Corporation gas reserves. The Group also contracted additional volumes in southeast Saskatchewan through the expanded Wolstitmor/ Nottingham facility.

The Natural Gas Liquids group successfully managed a volatile year as frac spreads fluctuated considerably. Much of this success is attributed to Midstream's ability to manage its costs and optimise its natural gas liquid infrastructure.

The Storage and Hub Services group made a significant contribution to earnings as a result of gas price volatility and a strong effort to provide value-added services to its customers while minimising operation costs.

GOING FORWARD ATCO Midstream will pursue controlled strategic growth opportunities through new acquisitions, increasing its working interest in joint-venture facilities and developing greenfield opportunities that will allow the company to expand.

ATCO Pipelines continued to grow its natural gas pipeline transportation business in 2002. Total system throughput increased, and on-system producer receipts from natural gas processing plants equalled 1.3 billion cubic feet per day.

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS

The Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) released its decision on NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.'s (NGTL) proposed pipeline into the Fort Saskatchewan industrial area. The Board ruled that the market currently served by ATCO Pipelines does not support the need for additional pipeline capacity. The EUB's decision to deny NGTL's application supported ATCO Pipelines' position at the hearing. We have now signed long-term contracts with the three largest industrial customers in the area.

A new 86-TJ/day delivery station and lateral pipeline was installed to provide natural gas deliveries to the new Shell Scotford Upgrader in the Fort Saskatchewan area under a long-term contract. This facility is an integral component of the overall Athabasca Oil Sands Project.

ATCO Pipelines installed facilities to deliver the total natural gas requirements of the Calpine Calgary Energy Centre in northeast Calgary. This 250-MW power plant will utilise up to 55 TJ/day of natural gas, creating an important new market on the company's south system.

ATCO Pipelines developed a second Alliance Pipeline Interconnect at Paddle River that provides an incremental 40 TJ/day to the Alliance Pipeline system, giving ATCO Pipelines a total deliverability of 150 TJ/day to Alliance.

New transmission agreements were negotiated for the tie-in of two large gas plants in the Wetaskiwin and Edson areas. Facility construction for each was completed in July and August 2002, resulting in an incremental 80-TJ/day flowing on ATCO Pipelines' system.

New and innovative energy projects are an ongoing focus. CanScot, the first coalbed methane producer, was tied into the Swan Hills mainline in October 2002 adding to ATCO Pipelines growing system.

CURRENT BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT ATCO

Pipelines operates in a competitive yet regulated environment in Alberta. The company continues to implement initiatives directed at achieving appropriate cost allocation and accountability rules to ensure a level playing field exists for all natural gas transmission pipelines in Alberta. Industrial and producer settlements and regulated transportation rates expired at the end of 2002, providing an opportunity for the design of new rates that are both competitive and value-added for all customers. The Company will continue its aggressive pursuit of opportunities to increase deliveries from its pipeline system, facilitating additional receipt volumes on the system. In addition, we are pursuing opportunities to acquire other pipeline assets both in and outside of Alberta.

M. M. (MICHAEL) SHAW.

MANAGING DIRECTOR, LOGISTICS & ENERGY SERVICES

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TECHNOLOGIES GROUP

IN 2002,ATCO I-TEK,ATCO TRAVEL, GENICS AND ASHCOR TECHNOLOGIES CONTINUED

TO EXPAND THEIR MARKETS AND BUILD SOLID REPUTATIONS AS PROVIDERS OF

HIGH QUALITY, INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS AND CLIENT-FOCUSED SERVICES.

ATCO I-Tek provides information technology services to a diverse client group throughout Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom. The company offers its services through three business groups:

- Business Services, which provides complete billing, call centre and customer care services to distribution utilities and retail energy service providers
- Technologies, which provides end-to-end computer, network and telephone operations support
- Applications, which provides business application development, integration, maintenance and enhancement services.

BUSINESS SERVICES delivered consistently accurate and timely utility energy bills to more than one million customers, outperforming its competitors in a year of escalated customer concern regarding utility billing accuracy and service. This division has proven its ability to handle the business requirements of the deregulating energy market over the past several years and continues to serve as an industry leader.

In 2002, the utility billing and customer care division delivered more than 12.6 million utility bills, handled 1.7 million customer calls, processed more than \$333 million in customer rebates in connection with the Viking Kinsella gas field sale and produced

more than 500,000 refund cheques. ATCO I-Tek also collected more than \$1.8 billion in revenue on behalf of clients.

The major achievement of 2002 was the December signing of a 10-year agreement between ATCO I-Tek and Direct Energy to provide utility billing and customer care services to Direct Energy, North America's largest energy retailer. Direct Energy is a subsidiary of Centrica plc, a leading U.K.-based supplier of energy and home services with more than 44 million customer relationships worldwide.

Commencement of the contract is conditional upon closing the sale of the ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric retail energy businesses to Direct Energy, expected to occur around the middle of 2003.

APPLICATIONS successfully implemented the Oracle Financial Information System for ATCO Power in 2002. Following the success of this project, ATCO I-Tek will implement Oracle Financials throughout each of the 11 companies in the ATCO Group. Use of this application will streamline financial reporting across the ATCO Group.

TECHNOLOGIES provided 24/7 operations support to the ATCO Group of companies, achieving all service targets and providing a secure technology

Photo: ATCO I-Tek employee, Tom Wheatley making adjustments inside tape storage silo at ATCO's main computer installation in Edmonton, Alberta.



ATCO I-Tek call centre employee, Kristina Kuzio responds quickly to inquiries regarding billing or customer service issues.

infrastructure. This division also provided vendor relationship management of more than 30 technology suppliers on behalf of the ATCO Group of companies, ensuring maximum purchasing power and efficiencies for our client companies. This line of business provided technology infrastructure planning, implementation and technical support for more than 3,700 desktop and laptop computers, operated a network connecting more than 130 locations within the ATCO Group and handled more than 67,000 service requests.

The strength of ATCO I-Tek's proven process and controls was reaffirmed when the company was successful in the CICA Section 5900 systems assurance opinion from PricewaterhouseCoopers. This internationally recognised audit assures clients that specific controls for billing, customer care and information technology security services are in place and working effectively.

Overall, 2002 proved very successful for ATCO I-Tek. The company is well positioned for future growth as an IT-based services company.

is a leader in travel management serving corporate clients, the general travelling public, and ATCO Group of companies and employees. Throughout 2002, ATCO Travel continued to demonstrate solid performance despite the downturn in corporate travel activity and the continued elimination of commissions.

ATCO Travel renewed agreements with all major accounts before the end of 2002, affirming the company's superior customer service.

A major success during 2002 was the awarding to ATCO Travel of a principal Canadian technology corporation's travel management program, which resulted in the creation of a new Ottawa office for ATCO Travel.

As the travel industry continues to experience uncertainty, ATCO Travel's positive results are credited to a strong focus on 'added value' to its corporate and vacation customers.

ATCO Travel is positioned for growth in 2003 and will maintain its four key service models: Corporate Services, Vacation Services, Groups and Meeting Planning and Airline Charter Programs.

THE MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT OF 2002 WAS THE DECEMBER SIGNING OF A
10 YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN ATCO I-TEK AND DIRECT ENERGY
TO PROVIDE UTILITY BILLING AND CUSTOMER CARE SERVICES TO
DIRECT ENERGY, NORTH AMERICA'S LARGEST ENERGY RETAILER.

GENICS INC. develops, manufactures and markets innovative, environmentally friendly wood preservatives for North American utility, commercial and residential markets.

In 2002, Genics continued to strengthen its position in the Canadian marketplace with existing and new customers including Hydro Quebec, which continues to test CobraRod $^{\text{m}}$ on some of its two million wood poles in its service territory.

Genics tripled U.S. sales of its CobraRod™ line of wood preservatives, which extend the life of poles by inhibiting rot. The company grew its U.S. market reach by adding the City of Austin, Texas, several Texas utilities, and companies throughout California, North and South Carolina, Montana, Georgia, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin to its growing client list.

The company also focused on growth and market share of additional products such as its new Genics TM PostGuard™ product for residential, agricultural and commercial use. This product inhibits rot and is intended for use in fence posts, log homes and farm infrastructure.

ASHCOR TECHNOLOGIES markets fly ash and other coal combustion products from ATCO Power's coal-fired generating stations in Alberta. Fly ash is a supplementary cementing material, used as a partial replacement for cement powder in concrete products and in oil well cements.

During 2002, ASHCOR continued to expand its geographic market into British Columbia, northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. ASHCOR continues to demonstrate steady growth.

To broaden its offerings in 2003, ASHCOR is investing in research to develop new value-added uses for fly ash, other coal combustion products, and related products for distribution to its client base.

S.W. (SIEGFRIED) KIEFER,

MANAGING DIRECTOR, TECHNOLOGIES



INDUSTRIALS GROUP

THE ATCO INDUSTRIALS GROUP IS COMPRISED OF ATCO STRUCTURES AND

ATCO NOISE MANAGEMENT. ATCO STRUCTURES DESIGNS AND MANUFACTURES
INNOVATIVE MODULAR BUILDINGS AND HAS WORKED IN MORE THAN 100

COUNTRIES WORLDWIDE. PIONEER OF THE RELOCATABLE SHELTER INDUSTRY

MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO, THE COMPANY CONTINUES TO PROVIDE A WIDE NANCE

OF PRODUCTS RANGING FROM MAJOR WORKFORCE CAMPS TO INDIVIDUAL SITE

OFFICES. ATCO NOISE MANAGEMENT DELIVERS INNOVATIVE GUARANTEED NOISE

ABATEMENT SOLUTIONS TO A DIVERSE INDUSTRIAL CLIENT BASE WORLDWIDE

operates five divisions located in Canada, the United States, South America, Europe and Australia.

CANADA/ALASKA: During 2002, ATCO Structures continued to deliver its modular buildings and workforce camps to challenging major projects. The company provided more than 300 units for accommodation of 2,800 security personnel protecting the G8 Summit of worldwide leaders in Kananaskis, Alberta. As well, the Canada/Alaska division manufactured a rugged and innovative 41-unit camp for a remote drilling location on Sakhalin Island, Russia. The company also completed two drill camps and one seismic camp for Algerian clients.

ATCO Structures anticipates a flattening in demand for western Canadian workforce housing product in 2003. The company has invested aggressively in its space rentals fleet and projects continued growth in demand for relocatable offices.

UNITED STATES: ATCO Structures' manufacturing facility in Texas has completed nearly three years in operation, producing a range of products

including lease fleet and custom office products for space rental dealers and workforce housing accommodations for oil and gas projects. Having expanded both its product lines and its dealer network client base during 2002, the company is well positioned in the marketplace for the upcoming year.

The company has identified some areas of opportunity for 2003, including further expansion of its domestic product line and military projects throughout the world.

SOUTH AMERICA: Tecno Fast ATCO's most notable project during 2002 was the construction of a new office building at the Collahuasi copper mine, which combined modular and panelised construction. This 26,000 square foot complex incorporates offices, control rooms and a kitchen/dining area for 200 employees; as well, designers had to incorporate upgraded air filtration systems to protect the mine's sensitive monitoring equipment. The company also received a contract for the two-year rental of a 2,000-person construction camp to Codelco Chuquicamata as part of home construction on the Nueva Calama project.

Photo: ATCO Structures and its joint venture partner Travers Food Services collaborated to provide turnkey services on a 2800-person camp for security forces guarding the 2002 G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta.



ATCO Noise Management constructed two acoustic buildings over three existing reciprocating engines and compressors at the Morgan Mill, Texas natural gas compression station, reducing noise levels to 47 dBA 750 feet from the centre of the plant.

Tecno Fast ATCO was also pleased to be recognised by its peers in March 2002, when it received a Modular Building Institute Award of Distinction for its Los Pelambres and Escondida Phase IV camp projects.

EUROPE: ATCO Europe enjoyed a very busy year, supplying projects to Russia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Nigeria, Algeria, Libya, Kosovo, Albania and Italy. The Budapest manufacturing plant also achieved ISO 9001:94 certification in October 2002.

The company's largest European project was the manufacture of accommodations for more than 1,000 people at the In Salah gas plant in Algeria; as well, it received a contract to provide technical services for the multi-million dollar facility. ATCO also provided four operating camps for Sibneft gas plants throughout Russia and built staff quarters, offices and a clinic for the expanded natural gas plant at Bonny Island in Nigeria.

The outlook for new projects in 2003 is favourable, especially in the Sakhalin Islands, where offshore oil development will see multi-billion dollar investments in the coming years. Natural resource projects in Russia and Algeria also show strong potential.

AUSTRALIA: ATCO Structures' Australia division was also successful during 2002, particularly in its continuing work on the 2,500-person, \$50 million workforce camp for the INCO Goro Nickel project in New Caledonia. The company also completed a 200-person expansion camp for the Western Metals Copper Mine in northwest Queensland and an upscale office complex as well as 180 additional units for various uses at the Comalco Alumina Refinery in central Queensland. The Australian domestic market continues to appear strong into 2003, as do certain neighbouring markets that show long-term potential. The company made significant investments into its lease fleet during 2002 and anticipates that trend to continue in the coming year.

ATCO Noise was a full-service engineering,

procurement and construc-

tion company specialising in noise control for industrial facilities worldwide. The company, which has operated for over a decade from its Calgary headquarters, also serves clients from branch offices in the United States and the United Kingdom.

Despite volatility in the energy sector and a general downturn in the U.S. economy, ATCO Noise

THE COMPANY PROVIDED MORE THAN 300 UNITS FOR

ACCOMMODATION OF 2,800 SECURITY PERSONNEL

PROTECTING THE GR SUMMIT OF WORLDWIDE LEADERS

IN KANANASKIS ALBERTA.

Management achieved its second highest annual revenue in 2002.

Completed projects spanned the globe and a variety of market sectors – from an acoustical generator enclosure for a luxury resort in the Caribbean to a retrofit for a gas plant in Three Hills, Alberta. The design and supply of two kilometres of absorptive acoustical barriers for Vancouver's Rapid Transit marked ATCO's return to the urban transportation sector.

Major projects awarded in 2002 include Hitachi and Bechtel Power. The Hitachi contract calls for ATCO to design and supply five acoustical turbine combustion air systems for Egypt's first liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminal. The Bechtel Power project is a multi-million dollar contract to design, supply and install noise mitigation measures for the Spalding Energy Facility, an 860-MW natural gas combined cycle power plant in the U.K.

The acoustical consulting arm of ATCO Noise Management performed according to expectations in 2002, with several of the studies resulting in contracts for noise mitigation. With its available resources, ATCO Noise Management can be ranked as Canada's largest acoustical consulting business specialising in industrial noise.

The decrease in North American power generation construction in 2002 will negatively impact ATCO's sales of acoustical enclosures to the original equipment manufacturer (OEM) market in 2003. However, ATCO's worldwide presence in this market will be maintained by focusing on European and Japanese clients.

New projects in gas transmission and storage will increase as the U.S. government fulfills its plans to lessen dependence on foreign energy sources.

With the ratification of the Kyoto Accord, the environment has been "front and centre" on the worldwide stage. More and more, countries are implementing tougher regulations to combat noise pollution.

ATCO Noise Management is poised to capitalise on this trend by focusing on retrofit projects in the power generation and general industrial sectors. New industries and further geographic diversification remain key objectives for 2003.

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W.A. (Walter) Kmet, Managing Director, Industrials



Students dig for fossils in one of the Tyrrell Museum's teaching laboratories. ATCO has provided \$1,000,000 for the new ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre, the largest ever expansion at the world-renowned dinosaur museum in Drumheller.

ENVIRONMENT AND COMMUNITY

ATCO Group and its more than 6,000 employees this year supported hundreds of community endeavours through both financial contribution and volunteer effort.

ATCO companies also protected and enhanced the natural environment where they do business, delivering on historical commitment to maintain a meaningful, on-going dialogue and relationship with communities and residents across Alberta and around the world.

Activity in 2002 builds on ATCO's history of supporting organizations that enrich the quality of life in the communities where employees work and live. Being responsible members of the broader community is a core value endorsed by all levels of ATCO companies.

This attitude of giving starts with employees, and is integral to the ATCO business philosophy. Following are some of this year's community focused activities and programs:

- In the Utilities Group alone, employees volunteered 29,000 hours of their personal time in their communities. Through the Volunteer Recognition Fund, employees who annually volunteer more than 50 hours can have the company make a \$150 donation on their behalf to a charity of choice.
- Employees financially supported almost 300 health and wellness programs in communities across Alberta, with a corporate matching program by ATCO. Within ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric this year, the final total after the

matching corporate grants exceeded \$700,000. Within much smaller ATCO I-TEK, the program resulted in a \$47,800 donation to **United Way** campaigns. At ATCO Pipelines, a record 88% of employees participated in the **Employee Community Service Fund**, with donations of almost \$133,000.

- ATCO Frontec employees again co-ordinated an internal campaign to seek donations of clothes, games and toys for families in Bosnia, where 500 of their employees are providing important support services to Canada's military peacekeepers.
- ATCO Group committed \$1 million to the development of the ATCO Tyrrell Learning Centre, the first new facility built at the world famous dinosaur museum in Drumheller. The donation, the largest in the history of the Royal Tyrrell Museum, will help the museum add much needed physical space while providing the technology to broaden and extend outreach programs to students across Alberta.
- ATCO Gas, the longest-standing corporate sponsor of the Calgary Stampede, also supported Edmonton's Klondike Days and hundreds of other community-focused events across all regions of the province. Major athletic events that benefited from ATCO support included the Alberta Summer Games in Camrose and the ITU World Triathlon in Edmonton.



ATCO is a founding sponsor of Alberta Ecotrust, an alliance of business and environmental groups involved in grassroots community projects such as tree planting.

- With drought devastating rural Alberta, both ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric combined to sponsor the "Say Hay" benefit concerts, which raised funding to help Alberta's agricultural sector.
- With an eye to the future, ATCO Electric joined a multilevel effort to promote the trades sector. Support for "Careers - the Next Generation" will continue for another two years. ATCO supports dozens of other youth, scholarship and education programs, including training programs for Aboriginal and Inuit interested in working in Canada's North.
- Dozens of volunteers from the ATCO Group contributed time, creative talents and workplace experiences teaching Alberta youth about life skills and business through various **Junior Achievement** programs. Business people and students work together in "real world" learning opportunities.
- ATCO Frontec co-chaired the Pipeline Operations Training Committee, a cross-organization group of industry, government and community representatives, with a mandate to develop a curriculum-based training program to prepare Northerners for long-term job opportunities.

Following are some activities and environmental protection achievements:

• ATCO Group supported at the Sustainer level Alberta Ecotrust, a unique organization that facilitates funding from the corporate sector to environmental groups undertaking progressive, community-based projects across the province. ATCO is an Alberta Ecotrust founding organization.

- ATCO Gas and ATCO Pipelines both earned "Gold Champion" recognition for their participation in the federally sponsored Voluntary Challenge and Registry, which encourages energy efficiency and conservation measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. ATCO Electric earned "Silver Champion" in this national program.
- In partnership with Natural Resources Canada, ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric were selected to promote and deliver the Energuide for Houses program, assisting homeowners in energy efficiency and reduced energy use.
- ATCO I-Tek marked its second year of participation in the Alberta Computers for Schools program, providing more than 700 recycled and refurbished computers to Alberta schools and libraries.
- ATCO Pipelines received a Platinum Level Stewardship Award from the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP). The award recognizes the establishment of ATCO Pipelines' Environment, Health and Safety management systems.
- ATCO participated in Trees Canada, a working partnership that has Canadians plant and care for trees in our urban and rural environments in an effort to help reduce the harmful effects of carbon dioxide emissions.
- ATCO Structures installed and later dismantled a housing complex for the more than 2800 RCMP officers at the Nakiska Ski area who provided security for the G8 Summit of World Leaders in Kananaskis Country. The project was determined to have caused no environmental damage while leaving upgraded sewage facilities at the site.

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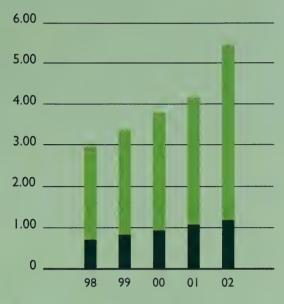
J.A. (James) Campbell, Senior Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer

FINANCIAL ACHIEVEMENT IN 2002

- Earnings per share increased to \$5.47 from \$4.18 in 2001 the 15th consecutive year of increased earnings per share.
- Dividends per share increased by \$0.12 to \$1.16 from \$1.04 in 2001.
- Earnings increased by \$38.6 million to \$163.0 million compared to \$124.4 million in 2001.
- Cash flow from operations decreased by \$6.8 million to \$539.8 million.
- Total assets increased by \$558 million to \$6.403 billion compared to \$5.845 billion in 2001.
- Capital expenditures decreased by \$193.3 million to \$649.2 million compared to \$842.5 million in 2001.
- Long term debt increased by \$53.6 million to \$1.940 billion.
- Non-recourse long term debt increased by \$196.9 million to \$1.007 billion.
- Equity preferred shares remain unchanged at \$150 million.
- Share owners' equity increased by \$133.2 million to \$1.045 billion compared to \$0.912 billion in 2001.
- Return on common equity was 16.7% compared to 14.4% in 2001.
- Financing activities included \$150 million of 15 year, 6.145% debentures; \$100 million of 10 year, 6.14% debentures; and \$50 million of five year, 4.801% debentures.
- ATCO redeemed \$125.0 million of 12% debentures; \$68 million of 5.42% debentures and \$62.6 million of other debt.
- Non-recourse long term debt of \$216.2 million was issued in 2002, including \$138.2 million for the Brighton Beach Power Project; ATCO redeemed \$46.2 million of non-recourse long term debt in 2002.

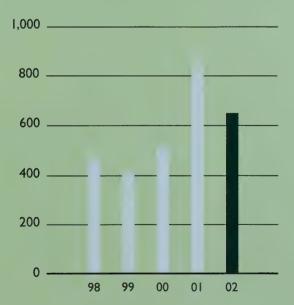
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Earnings Per Class I and Class II Share (Dollars)

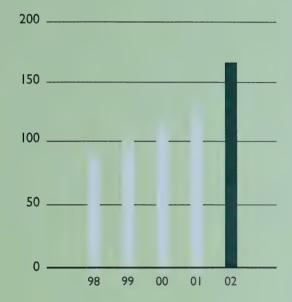


■ Earnings Retained per Share ■ Dividends Paid per Share

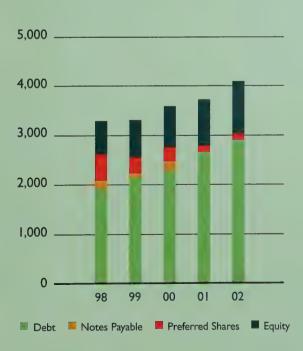
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment (Millions of Dollars)



Earnings Attributable to Class I and Class II Shares (Millions of Dollars)



Capitalization (Millions of Dollars)



MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL REPORTING

Management is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, management's discussion and analysis and other financial information relating to the Corporation contained in this annual report. The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles using methods appropriate for the industries in which the Corporation operates and necessarily include some amounts that are based on informed judgments and best estimates of management. The financial information contained elsewhere in the annual report is consistent with that in the consolidated financial statements.

Management has established internal accounting control systems to meet its responsibility for reliable and accurate reporting. These control systems are subject to periodic review by the Corporation's internal auditors.

PricewaterhouseCoopers, our independent auditors, are engaged to express a professional opinion on the consolidated financial statements.

The Board of Directors, through its Audit Committee comprised of three non-management Directors, oversees management's responsibilities for financial reporting. The Audit Committee meets regularly with management, the internal auditors and the independent auditors to discuss auditing and report on financial matters, to assure that management is carrying out its responsibilities and to review and approve the consolidated financial statements. The auditors have full and free access to the Audit Committee and management.

J.A. Campbell

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Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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Vice President, Finance and Controller

AUDITORS' REPORT

TO THE SHARE OWNERS OF ATCOUTD

We have audited the consolidated balance sheets of ATCO Ltd. as at December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the consolidated statements of earnings and retained earnings and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Corporation as at December 31, 2002 and 2001 and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Pricewaterhouse Coopers LLP

Chartered Accountants Calgary, Alberta

February 7, 2003

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

Year ended December 31 (Millions of Canadian Dollars except per share data)

| Note | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Revenues | \$ 3,196.3 | \$ 3,767.8 |
| | | |
| Costs and expenses | | |
| Natural gas supply | 988.5 | 1,314.5 |
| Purchased power | 184.4 | 366.5 |
| Operation and maintenance | 926.9 | 961.9 |
| Selling and administrative | 155.1 | 149.1 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 257.1 | 257.7 |
| Interest 10 | 189.2 | 203.2 |
| Dividends on preferred shares | - | 8.9 |
| Franchise fees | 98.5 | 117.6 |
| | 2,799.7 | 3,379.4 |
| | 396.6 | 388.4 |
| Interest and other income 2 | 136.7 | 45.9 |
| Earnings before income taxes | | |
| and non-controlling interests | 533.3 | 434.3 |
| Income taxes / 3 | 196.7 | 174.8 |
| Net earnings | 336.6 | 259.5 |
| Dividends on equity preferred shares | 8.6 | 4.1 |
| Non-controlling interests 4 | 165.0 | 131.0 |
| Earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares 2 | 163.0 | 124.4 |
| Retained earnings at beginning of year | 777.7 | 689.8 |
| | 940.7 | 814.2 |
| Dividends on Class I and Class II shares | 34.6 | 30.9 |
| Direct charges 5 | 1.4 | 5.6 |
| Retained earnings at end of year | \$ 904.7 | \$ 777.7 |
| Earnings per Class I and Class II share 2, 13 | \$ 5.47 | \$ 4.18 |
| Diluted earnings per Class I and Class II share 2, 13 | \$ 5.39 | \$ 4.12 |
| Dividends paid per Class I and Class II share | \$ 1.16 | \$ 1.04 |

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

Year ended December 31 (Millions of Canadian Dollars).

| | Note | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------|------------|------------|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Current assets | | | |
| Cash and short term investments | 16 | \$ 488.8 | \$ 329.5 |
| Accounts receivable | | 497.7 | 491.4 |
| Inventories | | 129.3 | 138.4 |
| Income taxes recoverable | | 21.7 | - |
| Future income taxes | 3 | - | 1.9 |
| Deferred natural gas costs | | 31.2 | 3.9 |
| Deferred electricity costs | | 20.7 | 27.4 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 27.3 | 18.2 |
| | | 1,216.7 | 1,010.7 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 6 | 4,949.2 | 4,591.4 |
| Goodwill | | 71.2 | 71.2 |
| Security deposits for debt | | 26.1 | 23.6 |
| Other assets | 7 | 140.1 | 148.5 |
| | | \$ 6,403.3 | \$ 5,845.4 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHARE OWNERS' EQUITY | (| | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Bank indebtedness | 8 | \$ 12.2 | \$ 46.1 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 497.3 | 531.5 |
| Income taxes payable | | _ | 104.3 |
| Future income taxes | 3 | 16.6 | |
| Notes payable | | - | 4.6 |
| Deferred electricity cost obligation | 9 | 51.0 | |
| Long term debt due within one year | 10 | 3.8 | 3.2 |
| Non-recourse long term debt due within one year | 10 | 50.7 | 39.8 |
| Tron recourse long term desc due within one pear | | 631.6 | 729.5 |
| Future income taxes | 3 | 235.2 | 204.9 |
| Deferred credits | II | 77.5 | 65.4 |
| Long term debt | 10 | 1,936.0 | 1,883.0 |
| Non-recourse long term debt | 10 | 956.4 | 770.4 |
| Tron-recourse long term debt | 10 | 750.∓ | 770.1 |
| Non-controlling interests | 4 | 1,371.8 | 1,130.6 |
| Equity preferred shares | 12 | 150.0 | 1,150.0 |
| Equity preferred shares | 12 | 130.0 | 150.0 |
| Class I and Class II share owners' equity | | | |
| Class I and Class I I shares | 13 | 137.7 | 135.7 |
| Retained earnings | 13 | 904.7 | 777.7 |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | | 2.4 | (1.8) |
| Torcigir currency dranslation adjustment | | 1,044.8 | 911.6 |
| | | \$ 6,403.3 | \$ 5,845.4 |
| | | φ 0,703.3 | φ 5,075.7 |

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

Year ended December 31 (Millions of Canadian Dollars)

| N | ote | | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-----|----|-------------|---|
| Operating activities | | | | |
| Earnings attributable to Class I and Class I I shares | | \$ | 163.0 | \$ 124.4 |
| Non-cash items included in earnings: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | 257.1 | 257.7 |
| Future income taxes | | | 23.6 | 45.2 |
| Non-controlling interests | | | 132.6 | 131.0 |
| Gain on sale of natural gas producing property - net of | | | | |
| current income taxes and non-controlling interests | 2 | | (34.9) | |
| Other - net | | | (1.6) | (11.7) |
| Cash flow from operations | | | 539.8 | 546.6 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital | 15 | | (170.0) | 246.4 |
| | | | 369.8 | 793.0 |
| Investing activities | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | | (649.2) | (842.5) |
| Sale of natural gas producing property - | | | , | ` ′ |
| net of current income taxes | 2 | | 107.7 | |
| Proceeds on disposal of other property, | | | | |
| plant and equipment | | | 6.8 | 147.0 |
| Contributions by utility customers for extensions to plant | | | 41.1 | 38.6 |
| Recovery of non-current deferred electricity costs | | | 18.7 | 64.4 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital | 15 | | (7.1) | 8.7 |
| Other | | | (10.0) | (4.8) |
| , | | | (492.0) | (588.6) |
| Financing activities | | | | |
| Change in notes payable | | | (4.6) | (192.5) |
| Deferred electricity cost obligation | 9 | | 51.0 | - |
| Issue of long term debt | | | 305.8 | 228.9 |
| Issue of non-recourse long term debt | | | 216.2 | 430.3 |
| Repayment of long term debt | | | (255.6) | (242.6) |
| Repayment of non-recourse long term debt | | | (46.2) | (28.8) |
| Issue of equity preferred shares by subsidiary | | | 150.0 | (==:=) |
| Issue of equity preferred shares | | | - | 150.0 |
| Redemption of redeemable preferred shares | | | _ | (300.0) |
| Issue of Class A shares by subsidiary | | | 2.9 | 0.3 |
| Issue of Class I shares | | | 2.0 | 0.3 |
| Dividends paid to Class I and Class II share owners | | | (34.6) | (30.9) |
| Dividends paid to non-controlling interests | | | (77.7) | (74.2) |
| Income tax reassessments | 3 | | (, , , , , | (21.3) |
| Changes in non-cash working capital | 15 | | 8.2 | (19.0) |
| Other | 13 | | (7.6) | (2.7) |
| Other | | | 309.8 | (102.2) |
| Foreign currency translation | | | 5.6 | 2.1 |
| Cash position (1) | | | 3.0 | 25.1 |
| Increase | | | 193.2 | 104.3 |
| Beginning of year | | | 283.4 | 179.1 |
| End of year | | \$ | 476.6 | \$ 283.4 |
| Life of Jean | | 4 | 17 0.0 | - |

⁽¹⁾ Cash position includes cash and short term investments less current bank indebtedness.

DECEMBER 31, 2002 (tabular amounts in millions of Canadian dollars)

1. Summary of significant accounting policies

Financial Statement Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and include the accounts of ATCO Ltd. and its subsidiaries, including a proportionate share of joint venture investments ("ATCO"). Principal subsidiaries are ATCO Structures (100% owned) and its subsidiaries, ATCO Noise Management (100% owned). ATCO Resources (100% owned) and Canadian Utilities Limited (51.824% owned) and its subsidiaries ("Canadian Utilities"). Principal operations are Industrials (ATCO Structures, ATCO Noise Management), Utilities (ATCO Electric, ATCO Gas, ATCO Utility Services, CU Water), Power Generation (ATCO Power, Alberta Power (2000), ATCO Resources). Logistics and Energy Services (ATCO Pipelines, ATCO Midstream, ATCO Frontec) and Technologies (ATCO I-Tek Business Services (formerly ATCO Singlepoint), ATCO I-Tek, ATCO Travel, ASHCOR Technologies, Genics). Significant joint venture investments consist principally of power generation plants.

Certain comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

Regulation

ATCO Electric, the ATCO Gas and ATCO Pipelines divisions of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., CU Water and the generating plants of Alberta Power (2000). all of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Canadian Utilities Limited's wholly owned subsidiary, CU Inc., are collectively referred to in these financial statements as the "regulated operations".

ATCO Electric. ATCO Gas, ATCO Pipelines and CU Water are regulated primarily by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board ("AEUB"), which administers acts and regulations covering such matters as rates, financing, accounting, construction, operation and service area. The AEUB may approve interim rates, subject to final determination.

The generating plants of Alberta Power (2000) were regulated by the AEUB until December 31, 2000 but are now governed by legislatively mandated Power Purchase Arrangements ("PPA") that were approved by the AEUB. These plants are included in regulated operations primarily because the PPA's are designed to allow the owners of generating plants constructed before January 1, 1996 to recover their forecast fixed and variable costs and to earn a return at the rate specified in the PPA's. The plants will become deregulated upon the expiry of the PPA's. Each PPA is to remain in effect until the earlier of the last day of the life of the related generating plant and December 31, 2020.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of ATCO's financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the year. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues are recognized on the accrual basis and include an estimate of services provided but not yet billed.

Revenues resulting from the supply of contracted products and services are recorded by the percentage of completion method. Full provision is made for any anticipated loss.

Effective January 1, 2002, ATCO retroactively adopted the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants ("CICA") Emerging Issues Abstract on the "Reporting of Revenue Gross as a Principal versus Net as an Agent". This change in accounting resulted in a reduction of revenues and a reduction of operation and maintenance expenses of \$22.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2002 (2001 - \$14.9 million).

Natural Gas Supply

Natural gas supply expense is based on the forecast cost of natural gas included in customer rates. Variances from forecast costs are deferred until such time as approval from the AEUB is obtained for refund to or collection from customers and revenues and natural gas supply expense are adjusted accordingly.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Purchased Power

Purchased power expense is based on the actual cost of electricity purchased, whereas the amount included in customer rates is based on forecast cost. Revenues are adjusted for variances from forecast cost, and the variances are deferred until such time as approval from the AEUB is obtained for refund to or collection from customers.

Income Taxes

The regulated operations follow the method of accounting for income taxes that is consistent with the method of determining the income tax component of their rates. When future income taxes are not provided in the income tax component of current rates, such future income taxes are not recognized to the extent that it is expected that they will be recovered from customers through inclusion in future rates.

Other subsidiaries follow the liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under this method, future tax liabilities and assets are recognized for the estimated tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Future tax liabilities and assets are measured using enacted and substantively enacted tax rates. The effect on future tax liabilities and assets of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that the change occurs.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at the lower of average cost or net realizable value.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Certain regulated operations include in capital expenditures an allowance for funds used during construction at rates approved by the AEUB for debt and equity capital. Capital expenditures in the other subsidiaries include capitalized interest incurred during construction.

Certain regulated additions are made with the assistance of non-refundable cash contributions from customers when the estimated revenue is less than the cost of providing service or where special equipment is needed to supply the customers specific requirements. These contributions are amortized on the same basis as, and offset the depreciation charge of, the assets to which they relate. Property, plant and equipment is disclosed net of unamortized contributions.

Depreciation is provided on assets on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Depreciation rates for regulated assets are approved by the AEUB or, in the case of Alberta Power (2000)'s generating plants, are determined by the PPA's. These depreciation rates include a provision for future removal costs and site restoration costs. On retirement of depreciable regulated assets, the accumulated depreciation is charged with the cost of the retired unit, net disposal costs and site restoration costs.

Goodwill

Effective January 1, 2002, ATCO prospectively adopted the recommendations of the CICA on accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets. Goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite life are no longer amortized: intangible assets with a finite life are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. The carrying value of these assets is subject to an impairment test on an annual basis, or more frequently if events or circumstances indicate impairment. This accounting change had the effect of increasing earnings for the year ended December 31, 2002 by \$3.9 million and earnings per share by \$0.13 compared to the year ended December 31, 2001.

Deferred Financing Charges

Issue costs of long term debt are amortized over the weighted average life of the debt and issue costs of preferred shares relating to regulated operations are amortized over the expected life of the issue. Unamortized premiums and issue costs of redeemed long term debt and preferred shares relating to regulated operations are amortized over the life of the issue funding the redemption.

Deferred Availability Incentives

Under the terms of various PPA's, ATCO is subject to an incentive/penalty regime related to generating unit availability. Incentives are paid to ATCO by the PPA counterparties for availability in excess of predetermined targets, whereas penalties are paid by ATCO to the PPA counterparties when the availability targets are not achieved.

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1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Accumulated incentives in excess of accumulated penalties are deferred. For any of the individual PPA's, should accumulated incentives plus estimated future incentives exceed accumulated penalties plus estimated future penalties, the excess will be amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the PPA's. Should accumulated penalties plus estimated future penalties exceed accumulated incentives plus estimated future incentives, the shortfall will be expensed in the year the shortfall occurs.

Notes Payable

Effective January 1, 2002, ATCO retroactively adopted the CICA Emerging Issues Abstract on the balance sheet classification of callable debt obligations and debt obligations expected to be refinanced. Notes payable, previously classified as long term, are now classified as current liabilities.

Long Term Debt Due Within One Year

When ATCO intends to refinance long term debt due within one year on a long term basis and there is a written undertaking from an underwriter to act on ATCO's behalf with respect thereto, or sufficient capacity under long term bank loan agreements to issue commercial paper or assume bank loans, then long term debt due within one year is classified as long term.

Hedging

In conducting its business, ATCO uses various instruments, including forward contracts, swaps and options, to manage the risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. All such instruments are used only to manage risk and not for trading purposes.

ATCO designates each derivative instrument as a hedge of specific assets or liabilities on the balance sheet or specific firm commitments or anticipated transactions. ATCO also assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative instruments that are used in hedging transactions are effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged items.

Payments or receipts on derivative instruments that are designated and effective as hedges are recognized concurrently with, and in the same financial category as, the hedged item.

If a derivative instrument is terminated or ceases to be effective as a hedge prior to maturity, the gain or loss at that date is deferred and recognized in income concurrently with the hedged item. Subsequent changes in the value of the derivative instrument are reflected in income. If the designated hedged item is sold, extinguished or matures prior to the termination of the related derivative instrument, the gain or loss at that date on such derivative instrument is recognized in income.

Employee Future Benefits

ATCO accrues for its obligations under defined benefit pension and other post employment benefit plans. Costs of these benefits are determined using the projected benefits method prorated on service and reflects management's best estimates of investment returns, wage and salary increases, age at retirement and expected health care costs.

Expected return on plan assets for the year is determined on the basis of the long bond yield rate at the beginning of the year plus an equity and management premium that reflects the plan asset mix. Pension plan assets at the end of the year are reported at market value. Accrued benefit obligations at the end of the year are determined using a discount rate that reflects market interest rates on high quality corporate bonds that match the timing and amount of expected benefit payments.

Experience gains and losses and the effect of changes in assumptions in excess of 10% of the greater of the accrued benefit obligations or the market value of plan assets, adjustments resulting from plan amendments, and the net transitional liability or asset, which arose upon the adoption in 2000 of the current accounting standard, are amortized over the estimated average remaining service life of employees.

Employer contributions to the defined contribution pension plans are expensed as paid.

1. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)

Stock Based Compensation Plans

ATCO Ltd. has a stock option plan and share appreciation rights plans, all of which are described in Note 14.

Effective January 1, 2002, ATCO prospectively adopted the recommendations of the CICA on accounting for stock-based compensation and other stock-based payments. While the recommendations encourage the adoption of the fair value based method of accounting for stock options, other methods of accounting are permitted.

ATCO has chosen to retain its existing accounting policy, which is permitted by the recommendations, whereby no compensation expense is recognized upon the granting or exercise of stock options. Any consideration paid by holders of the stock options upon exercise is credited to share capital. While the recommendations require expense recognition for options that may be settled in cash or other assets, ATCO amended its stock option policy in June 2002 so that stock options will no longer be repurchased. Prior to that date, if stock options were repurchased, the consideration paid to the holders of the options was charged to retained earnings.

No compensation expense is recognized when share appreciation rights are granted. Compensation expense for the share appreciation rights plans is accrued monthly to the date of vesting on the basis of the excess of the market price of the shares over the base value of the rights. Prior to January 1, 2002, compensation expense was determined on the basis of the excess of the greater of the market price of the shares or the 12 month average market price thereof over the base value of the rights. This accounting change increased earnings by \$1.7 million and earnings per share by \$0.05 for the year ended December 31, 2002.

2. Interest and other income

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-------------|------------|
| Gain on sale of natural gas producing property | \$ 110.1 | \$ - |
| Interest | 18.1 | 39.3 |
| Allowance for funds used by regulated operations | 3.6 | 5.7 |
| Other | 4.9 | 0.9 |
| | \$ 136.7 | \$ 45.9 |

On January 3, 2002, ATCO sold its Viking-Kinsella natural gas producing property, which had a net book value of \$40.4 million, for \$550 million. In accordance with an AEUB decision, \$385.0 million plus related adjustments for future abandonment and future income taxes of \$20.6 million, for a total of \$405.6 million, was distributed to customers of record as of March 2, 2002 by way of lump sum payments. ATCO's share of the net proceeds was \$150.5 million, after adjustments, resulting in a gain of \$110.1 million. This sale increased earnings by \$34.9 million, earnings per share by \$1.17 and diluted earnings per share by \$1.15.

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3. Income taxes

The income tax provision differs from that computed using the statutory tax rates for the following reasons:

| The mediate was provided dataset and some and some of the source and | | 2002 | | 2001 |
|--|-------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| Earnings before income taxes and non-controlling interests | \$ 533.3 | % | \$ 434.3 | % |
| Income taxes, at statutory rates | \$ 225.3 | 42.2 | \$ 187.3 | 43.1 |
| Federal general tax reduction (1) | (9.1) | (1.7) | (1.9) | (0.4) |
| Manufacturing and processing tax credit | (7.3) | (1.4) | (4.3) | (1.0) |
| Resource allowance | (3.3) | (0.6) | (13.5) | (3.1) |
| Dividends on preferred shares | - | - | 3.8 | 0.9 |
| Crown royalties and other non-deductible Crown payments | 1.8 | 0.3 | 9.2 | 2.1 |
| Large Corporations Tax | 7.8 | 1.5 | 7.0 | 1.6 |
| Foreign tax rate variance | (6.9) | (1.3) | (4.9) | (1.1) |
| Non-deductible interest on foreign financing | 1.4 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 0.3 |
| Change in future income taxes resulting from reduction in tax rates | (3.2) | (0.6) | (4.9) | (1.1) |
| Unrecorded future income taxes | 4.9 | (0.3) | (2.9) | (0.7) |
| Natural gas and other property disposals | (10.8) | (0.7) | 2.3 | 0.5 |
| Other | (3.9) | (0.8) | (3.7) | (0.9) |
| | 196.7 | 36.9 | 174.8 | 40.2 |
| Current income taxes | 155.5 | | 186.2 | |
| Future income taxes (recoveries) | \$ 41.2 | | \$ (11.4) | |
| The future income tax liabilities (assets) comprise the following: | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment | \$ 256.1 | | \$ 223.2 | |
| Deferred costs | 48.0 | | 30.3 | |
| Reserves | (28.9) | | (27.1) | |
| Tax loss carryforwards | (2.2) | | (0.8) | |
| Income tax reassessments | (21.3) | | (21.3) | |
| Other | 0.1 | | (1.3) | |
| | 251.8 | | 203.0 | |
| Less: Amounts included in current future income taxes | 16.6 | | (1.9) | |
| | \$ 235.2 | | \$ 204.9 | |

⁽¹⁾ The federal general tax reduction of 3% (2001 – 1%) is applicable to earnings that have not otherwise benefited from the manufacturing and processing tax credit and/or the resource allowance.

Unrecorded future income taxes of the regulated operations amounted to \$176.0 million at December 31, 2002. This balance includes \$53.2 million in respect of Alberta Power (2000)'s generating plants, which will be recovered through future payments received in respect of the PPA's.

Expected future recoveries relating to tax loss carryforwards have been recorded in the amount of \$2.2 million, of which \$1.4 million expires in 2009 and \$0.8 million does not expire. In addition, there are tax loss carryforwards of \$0.5 million for Canadian subsidiary corporations and tax loss carryforwards of \$10.1 million for a foreign subsidiary for which no tax benefit has been recorded. These losses begin to expire in 2007 and 2005, respectively.

Income taxes paid amounted to \$281.1 million (2001 - \$61.7 million).

In 2001, ATCO received and paid income tax reassessments of \$21.3 million, of which \$12.9 million was assessed to Canadian Utilities Limited, relating to the 1996 disposal of ATCOR Resources Ltd. Management does not agree with these reassessments and is contesting this matter with tax authorities. Accordingly, the payments were recorded as a reduction of future income tax liabilities.

4. Non-controlling interests

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Non-controlling interests in Canadian Utilities: | | |
| Equity preferred shares | | |
| Cumulative Redeemable Second Preferred Shares, at 5.3% to 6.6% | \$ 276.5 | \$ 126.5 |
| Perpetual Cumulative Second Preferred Shares, at 5.05% to 5.25% | 210.0 | 210.0 |
| Class A non-voting and Class B common shares | 885.3 | 794.1 |
| | \$ 1,371.8 | \$ 1,130.6 |
| Non-controlling interests in the earnings of Canadian Utilities: | | |
| Equity preferred share dividends | \$ 18.2 | \$ 17.0 |
| Earnings attributable to Class A non-voting and Class B common shares | 146.8 | 114.0 |
| | \$ 165.0 | \$ 131.0 |

5. Direct charges to retained earnings

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Issue costs of equity preferred shares by a subsidiary | | |
| (after income taxes and non-controlling interests) | \$ 1.4 | \$ |
| Issue costs of equity preferred shares (after income taxes) | - | 2.4 |
| Stock options settled (after income taxes) | - | 1.2 |
| Stock options settled by a subsidiary (after income taxes and non-controlling interests) | - | 2.0 |
| | \$ 1.4 | \$ 5.6 |

6. Property, plant and equipment

| | | 2002 | | | | | | 2001 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|------|---------|--------------------------|---------|----|---------|------|---------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|------|--|-------------------------|
| Composite Depreciation Rate | 5 | | Cost | Accumulated Depreciation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Cost | | rumulated preciation |
| Utilities 3.6% | | \$ | 4,098.3 | \$ | 1,546.4 | \$ | 3,918.8 | \$ | 1,469.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Power generation 3.4% | | | 2,783.4 | | 720.5 | | 2,458.3 | | 649.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Logistics and energy services 4.2% | | | 1,046.2 | | 355.1 | | 1,003.0 | | 319.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Industrials 8.8% | | | 127.1 | | 41.6 | | 110.0 | | 37.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other 11.1% | | | 86.1 | | 39.3 | | 73.2 | | 30.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9 | \$ | 8,141.1 | | 2,702.9 | \$ | 7,563.3 | | 2,505.9 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation | | | | | 5,438.2 | | | | 5,057.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Unamortized contributions by utility customers | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| for extensions to plant | | | | | 489.0 | | | | 466.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | \$ | 4,949.2 | | | \$ | 4,591.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Accumulated depreciation includes amounts provided for future removal and site restoration costs, net of salvage value, of \$241.6 million (2001 - \$220.7 million).

Composite depreciation rates reflect total depreciation in the year as a percentage of mid-year cost, excluding construction work-in-progress of \$681.1 million (2001 - \$483.0 million) and non-depreciable assets of \$42.8 million (2001 - \$38.6 million).

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7. Other assets

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|----------|----------|
| Net accrued pension asset (Note 18) | \$ 50.2 | \$ 39.8 |
| Costs deferred for recovery through future regulated rates | 27.6 | 34.1 |
| Deferred financing charges | 32.9 | 29.5 |
| Deferred electricity costs | 3.0 | 21.6 |
| Other | 26.4 | 23.5 |
| | \$ 140.1 | \$ 148.5 |

8. Bank indebtedness and credit lines

At December 31, 2002, bank indebtedness consists of \$12.2 million (2001 - \$46.1 million), at interest rates from 2.61% to 4.5%, secured by a general assignment of accounts receivable, inventories and property, plant and equipment of subsidiary corporations.

At December 31, 2002, ATCO has the following credit lines that enable it to obtain financing for general business purposes:

| | | | 2002 | | | 2001 |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Total | Used | Available | Total | Used | Available |
| Long term committed Short term committed Uncommitted | \$ 585.0 \$ 627.7 273.3 | 75.2 52.9 22.5 | \$ 509.8 574.8 250.8 | \$ 625.5 \$ 817.9 253.0 | 172.1 \$ 25.9 14.6 | 453.4 792.0 238.4 |
| | \$ 1,486.0 \$ | 150.6 | \$ 1,335.4 | \$ 1,696.4 \$ | 212.6 \$ | 1,483.8 |

9. Deferred electricity cost obligation

In December 2000, the Province of Alberta issued regulations providing for the deferral of price and volume variance in excess of forecast amounts in respect of the supply of electricity by distributors to their customers for the year ended December 31, 2000. In June 2002, the AEUB issued decisions approving the collection by ATCO Electric of its deferred costs from customers over a period that is expected to end in July 2003, and permitting ATCO Electric to sell these deferred costs and related rights.

On August 14, 2002, ATCO Electric sold deferred costs of \$81 million to an unrelated purchaser for equivalent cash consideration. GAAP requires that this transaction be accounted for as a financing arrangement rather than a sale. Accordingly, the cash received results in the recording of a deferred electricity cost obligation rather than a reduction of deferred electricity costs. The obligation bears interest at 3.3975%, which approximates the interest earned on the deferred costs. The obligation principal and interest incurred will be paid to the purchaser as the deferred costs and interest earned are collected from customers. At December 31, 2002, \$51.0 million of the obligation remained outstanding.

ATCO Electric serves as agent for the purchaser in billing, collecting and remitting amounts due in respect of the deferred costs.

10. Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt

| Long term debt | | 2002 | | 2001 |
|--|----|---------|----|----------------|
| Canadian Utilities | | | | |
| Debentures - at fixed rates of 4.801% to 11.77% (weighted average interest | | | | |
| rate of 7.893%), due at various dates to 2023, unsecured | \$ | 1,835.0 | \$ | 1,728.0 |
| Term credit facility, at Bank Bill rates, due July 2003, | | | | |
| payable in Australian dollars, unsecured (1) | | 21.4 | | 24.7 |
| Term credit facility, at BA rates, due June 2005, unsecured (1) | | 8.0 | | 45.0 |
| Term credit facility, at BA rates, due March 2007, secured by a pledge of cash (1) | | 48.0 | | 48.0 |
| Other long term obligation, at 4.35% | | 4.5 | | 10.2 |
| ATCO Investments Ltd. | | | | |
| Term loan on ATCO Centre II, at BA rates, due March 2005, secured by the building (1) | | 7.4 | | 7.8 |
| ATCO Structures Inc. | | | | |
| Revolving loan, at BA rates, due July 2007, secured by property, plant and equipment (1) | | 11.0 | | 16.0 |
| Other long term obligations, at rates of 4.07% to 8.50% | | 0.7 | | 0.2 |
| ATCO Structures Pty Ltd. | | | | |
| Term loan, at fixed rate of 5.8%, due December 2003, payable in Australian dollars, | | | | |
| secured by property, plant and equipment | | 2,2 | | 4.0 |
| Term loan, at fixed rate of 6.95%, due September 2004, payable in Australian dollars, | | | | |
| secured by property, plant and equipment | | 1.6 | | 2.3 |
| | | 1,939.8 | | 1,886.2 |
| Less: Amounts due within one year | \$ | 3.8 | φ | 3.2 1,883.0 |
| BA – Bankers' Acceptance | Φ | 1,936.0 | φ | 1,003.0 |
| | | | | |
| Non-recourse long term debt | | 2002 | | 2001 |
| Canadian Utilities | | | | |
| McMahon plant term facility, at 8.26% | \$ | - | \$ | 9.7 |
| Barking Power Limited project financing, payable in British pounds: | | | | |
| At fixed rates averaging 7.95%, due to 2010 | | 97.1 | | 95.7 |
| At LIBOR, due to 2010 (1) | | 159.2 | | 157.0 |
| Osborne Cogeneration Pty Ltd. project financing, payable in Australian dollars: | | | | |
| At Bank Bill rates, due to 2013 (1) | | 2.6 | | 2.6 |
| At 6.825%, due to 2013 ⁽¹⁾ | | 48.9 | | 49.6 |
| ATCO Resources (20%) and Canadian Utilities (80%) | | | | |
| ATCO Power Alberta Limited Partnership ("APALP") project financing: | | | | |
| At 7.29% to 2008, at LIBOR thereafter, due to 2016 (1) | | 9.6 | | 11.2 |
| At 7.067% to 2008, at LIBOR thereafter, due to 2016 (1) | | 13.4 | | 15.7 |
| At 7.25% to 2011, at LIBOR thereafter, due to 2016 (1) | | 119.6 | | 123.1 |

10. Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt (continued)

| Non-recourse long term debt | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|----------|----------|
| I. (f., | | |
| Joffre project financing: | | 1.2 |
| At BA rates | 44.5 | 46.6 |
| At 7.161%, due to 2012 (1) | 44.5 | 6.6 |
| At 6.435% to 2004, at BA rates thereafter, due to 2012 ⁽¹⁾ | 40.0 | 40.0 |
| At 8.59%, due to 2020 | 40.0 | 40.0 |
| Scotford project financing: | | |
| At BA rates, due to 2014 (1) | 68.4 | 36.2 |
| At LIBOR, due to 2014 ⁽¹⁾ | 17.4 | 9.1 |
| At 7.93%, due to 2022 | 35.5 | 35.5 |
| Muskeg River project financing: | | |
| At BA rates, due to 2014 (1) | - | 27.7 |
| At LIBOR, due to 2014 ⁽¹⁾ | - | 6.9 |
| At 5.147%, due 2007, at BA rates thereafter, due to 2014 (1) | 66.4 | - |
| At 7.56%, due to 2022 | 44.8 | 44.8 |
| Brighton Beach project financing: | | |
| At 6.924%, due to 2024 | 138.2 | - |
| Cory project financing: | | |
| At 6.450%, due to 2011 (1) | 6.0 | - |
| At 7.586%, due to 2024 | 48.5 | 48.5 |
| At 7.601%, due to 2026 | 42.5 | 42.5 |
| | 1,007.1 | 810.2 |
| Less: Amounts due within one year | 50.7 | 39.8 |
| | \$ 956.4 | \$ 770.4 |

BA – Bankers' Acceptance

LIBOR - London Interbank Offered Rate

ATCO has fixed interest rates, either directly or through interest rate swap agreements, on 88% of total long term debt and non-recourse long term debt.

The non-recourse long term debt is secured by charges on the projects' assets and by an assignment of the projects' bank accounts, outstanding contracts and agreements. The book value of the pledged assets and bank accounts at December 31, 2002 was \$1,393.2 million (2001 - \$1,090.2 million).

Guarantees

Canadian Utilities Limited has provided a number of guarantees related to ATCO Power's and ATCO Resources' obligations under their respective non-recourse loans associated with certain of their projects. ATCO Power (80%) and ATCO Resources (20%) have a joint venture in these projects. ATCO Ltd. has indemnified and agreed to reimburse Canadian Utilities Limited for any amounts it may be required to pay under these guarantees in respect of ATCO Resources' 20% interest.

⁽¹⁾ The above interest rates have additional margin fees at a weighted average rate of 1.0%.

10. Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt (continued)

These guarantees cover the following items:

a) **Equity contributions** – Represents equity funding requirements needed to complete construction of the project being built. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the obligations under these guarantees is anticipated to be:

| Project | mount |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Scotford project financing | \$ 5.6 |
| Brighton Beach project financing | \$ 61.4 |

b) **Completion of construction** – Represents completion guarantees associated with project financing whereby non-completion of a project by a certain date will require the repurchase of all or a portion of the project debt. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the obligations under these guarantees is:

| Project | Amount | Expiry Date |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| APALP project financing: Oldman River project Brighton Beach project financing | \$ 21.0 | May 31, 2003 |
| | \$ 201.5 | September 30, 2006 |

- c) Project cash flows Represents annual payments related to maintaining base case margins for electricity prices on the merchant power component of the project, being 30 megawatts ("MW") for the Scotford project and 60 MW for the Muskeg River project. These guarantees will become effective upon the commercial operation of the plants and exist until 2022, when the project debt is to be fully repaid. The amount payable under these guarantees will vary each year depending on the pool price received for the merchant power generated. Any payments made to maintain the project base case margins will either be available for distribution to the owners or be applied to mandatory prepayment of the project debt in accordance with the terms of the project financing agreement depending upon the specific operating results of the plant. At December 31, 2002, no amounts were payable as the Scotford and Muskeg River projects had not yet reached commercial operation.
- d) Reserve amounts Represents amounts to be set aside for major maintenance and debt service reserves as stipulated in the project's financing agreement. These reserves are intended to be funded with project cash flows. To the extent that project cash flows are insufficient to meet reserve requirements, Canadian Utilities Limited may choose to provide guarantees in lieu of ATCO Power providing security. At December 31, 2002, the amount of the obligations under these guarantees is:

| Project | Major Maintenance | Debt Service | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------|-----|--|
| APALP project financing | Nil (1) | \$ | 8.3 | |
| Joffre project financing | Nil (2) | \$ | 5.0 | |

⁽¹⁾ No major maintenance reserve required for this financing.

- e) Prepaid operating and maintenance fee Should ATCO Power cease to be operator of the APALP generating plants as a result of a termination of the operating agreement, Canadian Utilities Limited has guaranteed the payment of the unamortized portion of the prepaid operating and maintenance fee to APALP, the proceeds of which are to be used to repay project debt in accordance with the project financing agreements. This guarantee, which declines by \$1.5 million per year, remains in effect until 2016, when the project debt is to be fully repaid. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the guarantee is \$43.5 million.
- f) **Purchase project assets** Represents an obligation to purchase the Scotford and Muskeg River projects at a price sufficient to repay any outstanding project debt upon the occurrence of any one of the following very limited events:
 - (i) where all of the following events have occurred:
 - the insolvency of ATCO Power;
 - the failure of the project debt lenders to complete a sale of the project pursuant to their security within a fixed period of time; and
 - the project purchaser of electricity and steam elects to terminate its purchase contracts due to the insolvency of ATCO Power;

⁽²⁾ Reserve requirements of \$0.4 million met with project cash flows.

10. Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt (continued)

- (ii) where the project purchaser of electricity and steam does not remove ATCO Power as operator of the project after an event of default under the project financing agreements in circumstances where such default is either:
 - · a deliberate or willful breach of a project financing agreement; or
 - where ATCO Power has failed to co-operate with the lenders in a sale of the project; and
- (iii) where the project purchaser of electricity and steam terminates its purchase contracts for the project as a result of a default by ATCO Power's project minority joint venturers. ATCO Power has the right to cure any such default by acquiring the minority interest which is in default.

These guarantees remain in effect until the project debt is fully repaid. At December 31, 2002, no such events have occurred.

Canadian Utilities Limited has also guaranteed ATCO Power's duties to operate the Barking Power, Scotford and Muskeg River generating plants in accordance with acceptable industry operating standards under the relevant project contracts.

To date, Canadian Utilities Limited has not been required to pay any of its guaranteed obligations.

Minimum debt repayments

The minimum annual debt repayments for each of the next five years are as follows:

| Non-Recourse | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Long Term Debt 1 | | Long Term Debt | | | Total |
| \$ | 85.2 | \$ | 50.7 | \$ | 135.9 |
| | 105.9 | | 57.5 | | 163.4 |
| | 139.7 | | 68.8 | | 208.5 |
| | 175.0 | | 69.8 | | 244.8 |
| | 98.0 | | 63.4 | | 161.4 |
| \$ | 603.8 | \$ | 310.2 | \$ | 914.0 |
| | \$ | \$ 85.2 105.9 139.7 175.0 98.0 | Long Term Debt Long 7 \$ 85.2 \$ 105.9 139.7 175.0 98.0 | Long Term Debt Long Term Debt \$ 85.2 \$ 50.7 105.9 57.5 139.7 68.8 175.0 69.8 98.0 63.4 | Long Term Debt Long Term Debt \$ 85.2 \$ 50.7 \$ 105.9 57.5 139.7 68.8 175.0 69.8 98.0 63.4 |

Of the \$135.9 million due in 2003, \$81.4 million is to be refinanced and is, therefore, excluded from long term debt due within one year in the balance sheet.

Interest expense

| Interest on debt is as follows: | | 2002 | | 2001 |
|---|----|--------|----|--------|
| Long term debt | \$ | 147.0 | \$ | 159.0 |
| Non-recourse long term debt | · | 57.8 | , | 34.7 |
| Notes payable | | 0.6 | | 6.2 |
| Current bank indebtedness | | 8.8 | | 12.5 |
| Amortization of financing charges | | 2.6 | | 3.4 |
| Less: Capitalized on non-regulated projects | | (27.6) | | (12.6) |
| | \$ | 189.2 | \$ | 203.2 |

Interest paid amounted to \$217.2 million (2001 - \$212.3 million).

10. Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt (continued)

Fair values

Fair values for the above debt, determined using quoted market prices for the same or similar issues, are shown below. Where market prices are not available, fair values are estimated using discounted cash flow analysis based on ATCO's current borrowing rate for similar borrowing arrangements.

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Long term debt | | |
| Fixed rate | \$ 2,158.9 | \$ 1,988.6 |
| Floating rate | 96.4 | 141.7 |
| | \$ 2,255.3 | \$ 2,130.3 |
| Non-recourse long term debt | | |
| Fixed rate | \$ 710.1 | \$ 585.5 |
| Floating rate | 314.0 | 238.1 |
| | \$ 1,024.1 | \$ 823.6 |

II. Deferred credits

| | | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|------|--------------|--------------------|
| Deferred availability incentives Accrued equipment repairs and maintenance | - \$ | 45.0 13.7 | \$ 29.9 16.5 |
| Net accrued post employment benefits (Note 18) | | 6.4 | 4.0 |
| Other | | 12.4 | 15.0 |
| | \$ | 77.5 | \$ 65.4 |

12. Equity preferred shares

Authorized and issued

| | | | 2002 | | 2001 |
|--|-----------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Redemption Date | Shares | Amount | Shares | Amount |
| ATCO Ltd. | | | | | |
| Authorized and Issued: | | | | | |
| 5.75% Cumulative Redeemable, Second Preferred Series 3 | 3 see below | 6,000,000 | \$150.0 | 6,000,000 | \$150.0 |

Conversion by ATCO

On and after December 1, 2008, ATCO Ltd. may convert all or any of the Series 3 Preferred Shares into Class I Non-Voting shares. The number of Class I Non-Voting shares into which each Series 3 Preferred Share may be converted will be determined by dividing the applicable redemption price together with all accrued and unpaid dividends by the greater of \$2.00 and 95% of the weighted average trading price of Class I Non-Voting shares on The Toronto Stock Exchange for a period of 20 consecutive trading days ending on the fourth day prior to the date specified for conversion.

Conversion by the owner

On and after December 1, 2011, each Series 3 Preferred Share will be convertible at the option of the owner, on the first day of March, June, September and December of each year, into that number of Class I Non-Voting shares determined by dividing \$25.00 together with all accrued and unpaid dividends by the greater of \$2.00 and 95% of the then Current Market Price of the Class I Non-Voting shares.

12. Equity preferred shares (continued)

If an owner of Series 3 Preferred Shares elects to convert any of the shares into Class I Non-Voting shares, ATCO Ltd. may elect to redeem the Series 3 Preferred Shares for cash or arrange for the sale of such shares to substitute purchasers. At any time, ATCO Ltd. may offer the owners of the Series 3 Preferred Shares the right to convert into a further series of Preferred Shares.

Fair values

Fair values for preferred shares, determined using quoted market prices for the same or similar issues, are \$163.5 million (2001 - \$156.9 million).

Redemption privileges

The Series 3 Preferred Shares are redeemable at the option of ATCO Ltd. commencing on December 1, 2008 at the stated value plus a 4% premium for the next 12 months plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption premium declines by 2% in each succeeding 12 month period until December 1, 2010.

13. Class I and Class II shares

Authorized and issued

| | Cla | Non-Voting | Class II Voting | | | | Total | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------------|------------|----|----------------------|-------------|----|---------------|
| | Shares | (| Consideration | Shares | C | Consideration Shares | | (| Consideration |
| Authorized: | 100,000,000 | | | 50,000,000 | | | 150,000,000 | | |
| Issued and Outstanding: | | | | | | | | | |
| December 31, 2000 | 26,054,510 | \$ | 133.6 | 3,667,472 | \$ | 1.8 | 29,721,982 | \$ | 135.4 |
| Stock options exercised | 11,350 | | 0.3 | | | - | 11,350 | | 0.3 |
| Converted: | | | | | | | | | |
| Class II to Class I | 91,217 | | - | (91,217) | | - | - | | |
| December 31, 2001 | 26,157,077 | | 133.9 | 3,576,255 | | 1.8 | 29,733,332 | | 135.7 |
| Stock options exercised | 83,400 | | 2.0 | - | | - | 83,400 | | 2.0 |
| Converted: | | | | | | | | | |
| Class II to Class I | 64,654 | | - | (64,654) | | - | - | | _ |
| December 31, 2002 | 26,305,131 | \$ | 135.9 | 3,511,601 | \$ | 1.8 | 29,816,732 | \$ | 137.7 |

Subsequent to December 31, 2002, 600 shares were issued with respect to the exercises of stock options.

Earnings per share

Earnings per Class I Non-Voting and Class II Voting share is calculated by dividing the earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares by the weighted average common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is calculated using the treasury stock method, which reflects the exercise of stock options on the weighted average common shares outstanding. The average number of shares used to calculate earnings per share are as follows:

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Weighted-average shares outstanding | 29,790,426 | 29,731,040 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options | 466,845 | 477,798 |
| Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding | 30,257,271 | 30,208,838 |

13. Class I and Class II shares (continued)

Share owner rights

Each Class II Voting share may be converted to one Class I Non-Voting share at the share owner's option. In the event an offer to purchase Class II Voting shares is made to all owners of Class II Voting shares, and is accepted and taken up by the owners of a majority of such shares pursuant to such offer, then provided an offer is not made to the owners of Class I Non-Voting shares on the same terms and conditions, the Class I Non-Voting shares shall be entitled to the same voting rights as the Class II Voting shares. The two classes of shares rank equally in all other respects.

Normal course issuer bid

On May 27, 2002, ATCO Ltd. commenced a Normal Course Issuer Bid for the purchase of up to 3% of the outstanding Class I Non-Voting shares. The offer will expire on May 26, 2003. No shares were purchased in 2002.

14. Stock based compensation plans

Stock option plan

ATCO Ltd. has a stock option plan under which 2,550,000 Class I Non-Voting shares are reserved for issuance in respect of options. Options may be granted to directors, officers and key employees of ATCO Ltd. and its subsidiaries at an exercise price equal to the weighted average of the trading price of the shares on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant. The vesting provisions and exercise period (which cannot exceed 10 years) are determined at the time of grant.

Changes in shares under option are summarized below:

| | | 2002 | | 2001 | |
|------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| | Class I W | Veighted-Average | Class I Weighted-Averag | | |
| | Shares | Exercise Price | Shares | Exercise Price | |
| | | | | | |
| Options at beginning of year | 1,251,550 | \$29.28 | 1,325,950 | \$28.72 | |
| Granted | 60,500 | 48.08 | 2,000 | 47.93 | |
| Exercised | (83,400) | 23.71 | (11,350) | 26.33 | |
| Settled | (1,100) | 37.92 | (65,050) | 19.04 | |
| Options at end of year | 1,227,550 | \$30.58 | 1,251,550 | \$29.28 | |

Information about stock options outstanding at December 31, 2002 is summarized below:

| | Options Outstanding | | | | | | Options Exercisable |
|------------|---------------------|---------|-----------|------------------|------------------|---------|---------------------|
| | | | | Weighted-Average | | | |
| Range of | : | | Class I | Remaining | Weighted-Average | Class I | Weighted-Average |
| Exercise 1 | Price | es . | Shares | Contractual Life | Exercise Price | Shares | Exercise Price |
| \$14.03 | _ | \$23.70 | 501,750 | 3.1 | \$18.98 | 501,750 | \$18.98 |
| \$34.53 | _ | \$37.99 | 229,300 | 6.1 | \$36.44 | 153,300 | \$36.54 |
| \$38.18 | - | \$53.46 | 496,500 | 7.3 | \$39.58 | 267,500 | \$38.36 |
| \$14.03 | - | \$53.46 | 1,227,550 | 5.4 | \$30.58 | 922,550 | \$27.52 |

In 2002, ATCO Ltd. granted 60,500 options to purchase Class I Non-Voting shares to officers and certain key employees at a weighted average exercise price of \$48.08 per share. The options have a term of 10 years and vest in equal amounts over the first five years.

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14. Stock based compensation plans (continued)

Had ATCO adopted the fair value based method of accounting for stock options granted in 2002, earnings would have been reduced by \$0.1 million, but there would have been no effect on earnings per share. The reduction in earnings was determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model, which estimated the weighted average value of the options granted during the year at \$11 per option using the following assumptions:

| Risk-free interest rate | 4.9% |
|---|-----------|
| Expected holding period prior to exercise | 6.5 years |
| Share price volatility | 19.7% |
| Estimated annual common share dividend | 2.4% |

Subsequent to December 31, 2002, 40,000 options were granted at a weighted average exercise price of \$43.30 per share and 600 options were exercised at a weighted average price of \$38.18 per share.

Share appreciation rights plans

Directors, officers and key employees of ATCO may be granted share appreciation rights under the share appreciation rights plans of ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited. The vesting provisions and exercise period (which cannot exceed 10 years) are determined at the time of grant. The base value of the share appreciation rights is equal to the weighted average of the trading price of the Class I Non-Voting shares and the Class A non-voting shares, respectively, on the Toronto Stock Exchange for the five trading days immediately preceding the date of grant. The holder is entitled on exercise to receive a cash payment equal to any increase in the market price of the Class I Non-Voting shares and the Class A non-voting shares, respectively, over the base value of the share appreciation rights exercised.

Share appreciation rights income amounted to \$0.4 million (2001 - \$2.5 million expense).

15. Changes in non-cash working capital

| | | 2002 | 2001 |
|---|------|---------|--------------|
| Operating activities, changes related to: | | | |
| Accounts receivable . | \$ | (11.8) | \$ 180.5 |
| Inventories | | 11.8 | 6.1 |
| Deferred natural gas costs | | (27.3) | 131.2 |
| Deferred electricity costs | | 6.7 | 60.4 |
| Prepaid expenses | | (10.7) | 7.2 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | (31.0) | (202.1) |
| Income taxes | | (126.2) | 120.2 |
| Future income taxes | | 18.5 | (57.1) |
| | \$ | (170.0) | \$ 246.4 |
| Investing activities, changes related to: | | | |
| Inventories | \$ | (2.0) | \$ 14.6 |
| Prepaid expenses | | 2.0 | (7.2) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | (7.1) | 1.3 |
| | \$ | (7.1) | \$ 8.7 |
| Financing activities, changes related to: | | | |
| Accounts receivable | . \$ | 7.2 | \$ (14.9) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 1.0 | (4.1) |
| | \$ | 8.2 | \$ (19.0) |

16. Joint ventures

ATCO's interest in joint ventures is summarized below:

| | 2002 | 2001 |
|--|--------------|-------------|
| Statement of earnings | | |
| Revenues | \$ 398.6 | \$ 440.4 |
| Operating expenses | 284.6 | 302.9 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 27.5 | 26.3 |
| Interest | 27.3 | 31.8 |
| | 59.2 | 79.4 |
| Interest and other income | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| Earnings from joint ventures before income taxes | \$ 64.0 | \$ 84.9 |
| | | |
| Balance sheet | | |
| Current assets | \$ 171.6 | \$ 201.4 |
| Current liabilities | (122.8) | (161.2) |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1,083.1 | 890.9 |
| Deferred items - net | (82.1) | (75.5) |
| Long-term debt | (0.4) | (0.2) |
| Non-recourse long term debt | (712.0) | (559.2) |
| Investment in joint ventures | \$ 337.4 | \$ 296.2 |
| | | |
| Statement of cash flows | | |
| Operating activities | \$ 51.0 | \$ 84.2 |
| Investing activities | (176.7) | (221.5) |
| Financing activities | 104.4 | 186.4 |
| Foreign currency translation | 4.5 | 1.6 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash position | \$ (16.8) | \$ 50.7 |

Current assets include cash of \$81.5 million (2001 - \$101.4 million), which is only available for use within the joint ventures.

17. Related party transactions

In the normal course of business with related entities, ATCO sold and rented manufactured product and recovered administrative expenses totaling \$0.2 million (2001 - \$0.3 million) and incurred advertising and promotion expenses and administrative expenses totaling \$1.6 million (2001 - \$2.1 million).

18. Employee future benefits

ATCO maintains defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans for most of its employees and provides other post employment benefits, principally health, dental and life insurance, for retirees and their dependents. The defined benefit pension plans, which provide for pensions based on length of service and final average earnings, are for the most part contributory, with the balance of funding the responsibility of ATCO on the advice of independent actuaries. Plan assets are comprised of Canadian and foreign equities, fixed income and other marketable securities and real estate. As of 1997, new employees of Canadian Utilities automatically participate in the defined contribution pension plans and employees participating in the Canadian Utilities defined benefit pension plans may transfer to the defined contribution pension plans at any time.

18. Employee future benefits (continued)

Information about ATCO's benefit plans, in aggregate, is as follows:

| 1 , 30 0 | | | | 2002 | | | | 2001 |
|---|-----|-------------|----------|------------|-----|-------------|-----|------------|
| | | | 0 | ther Post | | | О | ther Post |
| | | Pension | Emp | oloyment | | Pension | Emp | ployment |
| | Bei | nefit Plans | Ben | efit Plans | Ber | nefit Plans | Ben | efit Plans |
| Market value of plan assets | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ | 1,370.2 | \$ | - | \$ | 1,431.0 | \$ | - |
| Actual return on plan assets | | (97.6) | | - | | (29.8) | | - |
| Employee contributions | | 5.7 | | - | | 5.8 | | - |
| Benefit payments | | (36.2) | | - | | (34.4) | | - |
| Payments to defined contribution plans | | (3.7) | | - | | (2.4) | | |
| End of year | \$ | 1,238.4 | \$ | | \$ | 1,370.2 | \$ | |
| Accrued benefit obligations | | | | | | | | |
| Beginning of year | \$ | 928.4 | \$ | 45.5 | \$ | 876.5 | \$ | 41.6 |
| Current service cost | Ψ | 19.3 | <u> </u> | 1.4 | 4 | 18.3 | _ | 1.3 |
| Interest cost | | 62.0 | | 3.1 | | 60.5 | | 3.0 |
| Employee contributions | | 5.7 | | _ | | 5.8 | | - |
| Benefit payments | | (38.2) | | (1.8) | | (36.0) | | (1.6) |
| Experience losses | | 21.2 | | 0.8 | | 3.3 | | 1.2 |
| End of year | \$ | 998.4 | \$ | 49.0 | \$ | 928.4 | \$ | 45.5 |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Funded status | | | | | | | | |
| Excess (deficiency) of assets over obligations | \$ | 240.0 | \$ | (49.0) | \$ | 441.8 | \$ | (45.5) |
| Amounts not yet recognized in financial statements: | | | | | | | | |
| Unrecognized net experience losses | | 277.6 | | 3.7 | | 56.1 | | 2.9 |
| Unrecognized net transitional liability (asset) | | (358.8) | | 30.3 | | (390.3) | | 32.6 |
| Accrued asset (liability) | | 158.8 | | (15.0) | | 107.6 | | (10.0) |
| Regulatory asset (liability) (1) | | (108.6) | | 8.6 | | (68) | | 6.0 |
| Net accrued asset (liability) | \$ | 50.2 | \$ | (6.4) | \$ | 39.8 | \$ | (4.0) |
| Whiches designed designed times | | | | | | | | |
| Weighted average assumptions Expected rate of return on plan assets for the year | | 8.0% | | | | 8.1% | | |
| Liability discount rate at December 31 | | 6.5% | | 6.5% | | 6.9% | | 6.9% |
| Average compensation increase for the year | | 3.0% | | 0.370 | | | | 0.5% |
| Average compensation increase for the year | | 3.0% | | | | 3.0% | | |

The assumed annual health care cost rate increases used in measuring the accumulated post employment benefit obligation in 2002 and thereafter were 4.0% for drug costs and 3.5% for other medical and dental costs.

Included in the accrued benefit obligations are certain supplementary defined benefit pension plans that are paid by ATCO out of general revenues. These supplementary plans had accrued benefit obligations of S6⁻.0 million at December 31, 2002 (2001 - \$59.9 million).

At December 31, 2002, plan assets include Class I Non-Voting shares of ATCO Ltd. having a market value of \$8.7 million (2001 – \$9.4 million), Class A non-voting and Class B common shares of Canadian Utilities Limited having a market value of \$11.0 million (2001 - \$10.7 million), and long term debt of CU Inc. having a market value of \$1.7 million (2001 - \$1.4 million).

18. Employee future benefits (continued)

| | | | | 2002 | | | | 2001 |
|---|-----|-------------|-----|-------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|
| | | | (| Other Post | | | 0 | ther Post |
| | | Pension | En | ployment | | Pension | Em | ployment |
| | Ber | nefit Plans | Bei | nefit Plans | Ben | efit Plans | Ben | efit Plans |
| Components of benefit plan expense (income) | | | | | | | | |
| Current service cost | \$ | 19.3 | \$ | 1.4 | \$ | 18.3 | \$ | 1.3 |
| Interest cost | | 62.0 | | 3.1 | | 60.5 | | 3.0 |
| Expected return on plan assets | | (102.8) | | * | | (98.3) | | - |
| Amortization of experience losses | | 0.1 | | - | | - | | - |
| Amortization of net transitional liability (asset) | | (31.5) | | 2.3 | | (31.5) | | 2.3 |
| Defined benefit plans expense (income) | | (52.9) | | 6.8 | | (51.0) | | 6.6 |
| Defined contribution plans expense | | 5.5 | | - | | 3.7 | | - |
| Total expense (income) | | (47.4) | | 6.8 | | (47.3) | | 6.6 |
| Less: Capitalized | | 0.6 | | 1.5 | | 0.6 | | 1.3 |
| Less: Unrecognized defined benefit plans expense (income) (1) | | (41.3) | | 1.5 | | (37.4) | | 4.4 |
| Net expense (income) | \$ | (6.7) | \$ | 3.8 | \$ | (10.5) | \$ | 0.9 |

⁽¹⁾ The regulatory asset (liability) and the unrecognized defined benefit plan expense (income) reflect an AEUB decision to record costs of employee future benefits in the regulated operations when paid rather than accrued.

19. Risk management and financial instruments

ATCO is exposed to changes in interest rates, commodity prices and foreign currency exchange rates. The Power Generation segment is affected by the cost of natural gas and the price of electricity in the Province of Alberta and the Logistics and Energy Services segment is affected by the cost of natural gas and the price of natural gas liquids. In conducting its business, ATCO uses various instruments, including forward contracts, swaps and options, to manage the risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. All such instruments are used only to manage risk and not for trading purposes.

Interest rate risk

Long term debt and non-recourse long term debt have variable interest rates that have been hedged through the following interest rate swap agreements:

| Swap Fixed | | | Principal/Face Value at | December 31 |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Interest Rate (1) | Variable Debt Interest Rate | Completion Date | 2002 | 2001 |
| | | | | |
| 8.370% | 90 day BA | December 2002 | \$ - | \$ 3.2 |
| 8.260% | 90 day BA | September 2003 | - | 8.4 |
| 6.435% | 90 day BA | December 2004 | 4.5 | 6.6 |
| 5.147% | 90 day BA | December 2007 | 66.4 | - |
| 7.290% | 90 day BA | November 2008 | 9.6 | 11.2 |
| 7.067% | 90 day BA | December 2008 | 13.4 | 15.7 |
| 6.450% | 90 day BA | March 2011 | 6.0 | - |
| 7.250% | 6 month LIBOR | December 2011 | 119.6 | 123.1 |
| 7.161% | 90 day BA | September 2012 | 44.5 | 49.6 |
| 6.825% | Bank Bill Bid rate | June 2013 | AUD 55.4 / | AUD 60.8 / |
| | | , and the second second | CDN 48.9 | CDN 49.6 |
| 6.450% (2) | 90 day BA | March 2019 | 11.4 | - |
| | , | | \$ 324.3 | \$ 267.4 |

BA - Bankers' Acceptance LIBOR - London Interbank Offered Rate AUD - Australian Dollar CDN - Canadian Dollar

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⁽¹⁾ The above swap fixed interest rates include any long term debt margin fees (Note 10).

⁽²⁾ This swap was placed in November 2002 for Brighton Beach project financing and is expected to be drawn in 2003.

19. Risk management and financial instruments (continued)

Foreign exchange rate risk

ATCO has exposure to changes in the carrying values of its foreign operations, including assets and liabilities, as a result of changes in exchange rates.

ATCO has entered into foreign exchange forward contracts in order to fix the exchange rate on certain planned equipment expenditures denominated in U.S. dollars and operational cash flows denominated in EUROs. At December 31, 2002, the contracts consists of purchases of \$3.3 million U.S. dollars (2001 – \$3.7 million U.S. dollars), sales of \$1.9 million U.S. dollars (2001 – \$1.5 million U.S. dollars) and purchases of 4.1 million EUROs (2001 – 3.7 million EUROs).

Energy commodity price risk

ATCO has entered into certain energy contracts to fix the price of electricity and natural gas for the customers of the Utilities segment. These contracts have been approved by customers and the AEUB and, accordingly, ATCO does not bear any risk for any price fluctuations. At December 31, 2002, the contracts consist of natural gas sales of 3,774.4 terajoules ("TJ") for \$22.4 million (2001 – 1,079.5 TJ for \$4.1 million), natural gas purchases of nil (2001 – 119.7 TJ for \$0.4 million) and electricity purchases of nil (2001 – 1,422.0 megawatt hours for \$64.9 million).

Fair Values

The fair values of derivatives have been estimated using year-end market rates. These fair values approximate the amount that ATCO would either pay or receive to settle the contract at December 31.

| | | | | 2002 | | | | 2001 |
|---|---------------|----|------------------------|-----------|---------------|----|----------------------|-----------|
| | Notional | | air Value (Payable) | | Notional | | ir Value Payable) | |
| Contracts | Principal | R | eceivable | Maturity | Principal | Re | ceivable | Maturity |
| Interest rate swaps Foreign exchange | \$ 324.9 | \$ | (16.9) | 2004-2019 | \$ 264.4 | \$ | (6.1) | 2003-2013 |
| forward contracts | \$. 13.9 | \$ | 1.0 | 2003 | \$ 12.9 | \$ | 0.5 | 2002 |

Credit risk

Derivative credit risk arises from the possibility that a counterparty to a contract fails to perform according to the terms and conditions of that contract. Derivative credit risk is minimized by dealing with large, credit-worthy counterparties in accordance with established credit approval policies. Accounts receivable credit risk is reduced by a large and diversified customer base, requirement of letters of credit and for regulated operations other than Alberta Power (2000), the ability to recover an estimate for doubtful accounts through approved customer rates.

20. Commitments and contingencies

Commitments

ATCO has contractual obligations in the normal course of business and in respect of long term operating leases for manufacturing facilities, office premises and equipment. Future minimum lease payments are as follows:

| 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | Total of All Subsequent Years |
|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|
| \$13.2 | \$10.7 | \$9.9 | \$9.3 | \$8.8 | \$18.0 |

20. Commitments and contingencies (continued)

Contingencies

ATCO is party to a number of disputes and lawsuits in the ordinary course of business. Management is confident that the ultimate liability arising from these matters will have no material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

ATCO has a number of regulatory filings and regulatory hearing submissions before the AEUB for which decisions have not been received. The outcome of these matters cannot be determined.

21. Regulatory matters

On July 26, 2002, the AEUB issued a decision regarding affiliate transactions within the ATCO Group. In addition, on July 30, 2002, the AEUB issued a decision regarding ATCO's application to remove the Carbon, Alberta storage facility from regulated service. Both decisions dealt with pricing for services between affiliate corporations. The effect of these decisions was to reduce earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares by \$5.8 million, of which \$4.4 million was provided for in 2000 and 2001. Furthermore, the AEUB determined that the Carbon storage facility should remain a regulated asset.

22. Segmented information

Description of segments

ATCO operates in the following business segments:

The Utilities Business Group includes the regulated distribution of natural gas by ATCO Gas, the regulated distribution and transmission of electric energy by ATCO Electric, Northland Utilities (NWT), Northland Utilities (Yellowknife) and Yukon Electrical, the regulated transmission and distribution of water by CU Water, and the non-regulated engineering, procurement and construction services for customers in the utility, energy and telecommunications sectors by ATCO Utility Services.

The Power Generation Business Group includes the non-regulated supply of electricity and cogeneration steam by ATCO Power and ATCO Resources and the regulated supply of electricity by Alberta Power (2000).

The Logistics and Energy Services Business Group includes the regulated transmission of natural gas by ATCO Pipelines, the non-regulated gathering, processing, storage, purchase and sale of natural gas by ATCO Midstream and project management and technical services for customers in the industrial, defence and transportation sectors by ATCO Frontec.

The Industrials Business Group includes the manufacture, sale and lease of transportable workforce shelter and space rentals products by ATCO Structures and the design and construction of buildings to reduce noise emissions from industrial facilities by ATCO Noise Management.

The Technologies Business Group and Other Businesses includes the development, operation and support of information systems and technologies by ATCO I-Tek, the billing services, payment processing, credit, collection and call centre services by ATCO I-Tek Business Services, the sale of fly ash and other combustion byproducts produced in coal fired electrical generating plants by ASHCOR Technologies, the manufacture of wood preservation products by Genics and the sale of travel services to both business and consumer sectors by ATCO Travel. In addition, ATCO Investments owns commercial real estate in Calgary and Canadian Utilities Limited owns commercial real estate in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

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22. Segmented information (continued)

| Segmented | results |
|-----------|---------|
|-----------|---------|

| 2002 2001 | | Utilities | Ge | Power | 8 | Logistics Energy Services | In | dustrials | 8 | nologies & Other usinesses | Co | | segment ninations | Cor | nsolidated |
|--------------------------|----|--------------------|----------|----------------|---------|---------------------------------|----|----------------|----|----------------------------------|----|------------|------------------------|-----|------------|
| n | ø | 1 701 1 | φ. | 604.9 | \$ | 594.6 | \$ | 201.7 | \$ | 14.0 | \$ | _ | \$ _ | \$ | 3,196.3 |
| Revenues – external | | 1,781.1 2,256.1 | \$ \$ | 660.9 | Ф \$ | 610.7 | \$ | 228.3 | \$ | 11.8 | \$ | | \$ - | \$ | 3,767.8 |
| CATCHING | Ψ | 2,2,0.1 | Ψ | 0001) | Ť | | | | | | | | | | |
| Revenues – | | 86.1 | | | | 339.1 | | 0.5 | | 92.2 | | 11.1 | (529.0) | | - |
| intersegment(1) | | 112.5 | | - | | 305.1 | | 0.3 | | 95.8 | | 11.7 | (525.4) (529.0) | | 3,196.3 |
| Revenues | | 1,867.2 2,368.6 | | 604.9 660.9 | | 933.7 915.8 | | 202.2 228.6 | | 106.2 107.6 | | 11.7 | (525.4) | | 3,767.8 |
| | | | | | | | | 156/ | | | | (1 | (540.8) | | 2,353.4 |
| Operating | | 1,516.7 | | 351.6 | | 765.7 | | 176.4 | | 77.7 | | 6.1 9.5 | (537.7) | | 2,909.6 |
| expenses | | 2,028.6 | | 365.8 | | 761.4 | | 199.5 | | 82.5 | | 9.3 | (337.7) | | 2,909.0 |
| Depreciation and | | 126.8 | | 70.4 | | 42.1 | | 10.1 | | 7.7 | | 0.5 | (0.5) | | 257.1 |
| amortization | | 128.5 | | 66.6 | | 41.0 | | 9.8 | | 7.9 | | 0.5 | 3.4 | | 257.7 |
| Interest expense | | 96.3 | | 71.7 | | 24.6 | | 1.2 | | 1.1 | | 144.5 | (150.2) | | 189.2 |
| | | 109.0 | | 72.4 | | 28.7 | | 2.4 | | 1.2 | | 162.3 | (172.8) | | 203.2 |
| Dividends on | | _ | | _ | | _ | | _ | | - | | - | _ | | - |
| preferred shares | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | 8.9 | - | | 8.9 |
| Interest and other | | (121.1) | | (7.2) | | (5.1) | | (1.0) | | (0.2) | | (152.3) | 150.2 | | (136.7) |
| income | | (28.6) | | (14.3) | | (3.8) | | (1.8) | | 1.7 | | (171.9) | 172.8 | | (45.9) |
| Earnings before | | 248.5 | | 118.4 | | 106.4 | | 15.5 | | 19.9 | | 12.3 | 12.3 | | 533.3 |
| income taxes | | 131.1 | | 170.4 | | 88.5 | | 18.7 | | 14.3 | | 2.4 | 8.9 | | 434.3 |
| Income taxes | | 92.4 | | 41.3 | | 40.3 | | 4.5 | | 8.3 | | 5.7 | 4.2 | | 196.7 |
| | | 48.9 | | 69.4 | | 35.4 | | 4.8 | | 6.4 | | 5.9 | 4.0 | | 174.8 |
| Net earnings | | 156.1 | | 77.1 | | 66.1 | | 11.0 | | 11.6 | | 6.6 | 8.1 | | 336.6 |
| | | 82.2 | | 101.0 | | 53.1 | | 13.9 | | 7.9 | | (3.5) | 4.9 | | 259.5 |
| Dividends on equity | | - | | | | - | | *** | | - | | 8.6 | - | | 8.6 |
| preferred shares | | - | | - | | - | | - | | - | | 4.1 | - | | 4.1 |
| Non-controlling | | 79.5 | | 39.5 | | 32.7 | | _ | | 5.3 | | 4.0 | 4.0 | | 165.0 |
| interests | | 43.9 | | 48.4 | | 26.4 | | - | | 4.4 | | 3.7 | 4.2 | | 131.0 |
| Earnings attributable to |) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Class I and Class II | \$ | 76.6 | \$ | 37.6 | \$ | 33.4 | \$ | 11.0 | \$ | 6.3 | \$ | (6.0) | 4.1 | \$ | 163.0 |
| shares | \$ | 38.3 | \$ | 52.6 | \$ | 26.7 | \$ | 13.9 | \$ | 3.5 | \$ | (11.3) | 0.7 | \$ | 124.4 |
| Total assets | \$ | 2,561.9 | | 2,381.6 | \$ | 794.6 | \$ | 136.3 | \$ | 65.4 | \$ | 417.0 | \$ 46.5 | | 6,403.3 |
| | \$ | 2,486.4 | \$ | 2,174.7 | \$ | 861.1 | \$ | 144.5 | \$ | 52.6 | \$ | 99.7 | \$ 26.4 | \$ | 5,845.4 |
| Allocation of goodwill | \$ | 35.7 | \$ | 23.1 | \$ | 12.4 | \$ | - | \$ | _ | \$ | _ | \$ - | \$ | 71.2 |
| Purchase of property, | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| plant and | \$ | 274.5 | \$ | 289.0 | \$ | 48.9 | \$ | 26.4 | \$ | 10.0 | \$ | 0.4 | \$ - | \$ | |
| equipment | \$ | 238.9 | \$ | 464.0 | \$ | 101.9 | \$ | 25.6 | \$ | 11.8 | \$ | 0.3 | \$ - | \$ | 842.5 |

⁽¹⁾ Intersegment revenues are recognized on the basis of prevailing market or regulated prices.

22. Segmented information (continued)

Geographic segments

| | | Foreign | | Consolidated | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|----|--------------|-------------|------------|------|---------|
| | 2002 2001 2 | | | 2002 | 2001 | 2002 | 2001 | |
| Revenues | \$ 2,784.3 | \$ 3,364.2 | \$ | 412.0 | \$ 403.6 | \$ 3,196.3 | \$ | 3,767.8 |
| Property, plant and equipment and goodwill | \$ 4,576.0 | \$ 4,245.6 | \$ | 444.4 | \$ 417.0 | \$ 5,020.4 | \$ | 4,662.6 |

23. Sale of Retail Operations

On December 10, 2002, ATCO announced that Direct Energy Marketing Limited has agreed to purchase the retail energy businesses of ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals and the Alberta Legislature passing amendments to Alberta's Natural Gas and Electricity Legislation that reflect the market refinements announced by the Minister of Energy in August 2002. The purchase consideration will be based on the number of customers at closing and is estimated to be \$128.5 million, of which \$54.4 million is payable on closing, \$39.5 million will be payable one year after closing and the balance will be payable two years after closing. Closing is anticipated to occur in mid-2003.

Assuming the sale closes as anticipated, ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric will no longer be involved in arranging for the supply and sale of natural gas and electricity to customers, but will continue to provide transportation and distribution services under AEUB approved rates that provide for a recovery of costs of service and a fair return. The sale does not include any of the distribution and transmission facilities used to deliver natural gas and electricity to customers.

CONSOLIDATED FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL SUMMARY

| (Dollars in millions, except as indicated) | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|--|----------|----------|---------|---------|---------|
| EARNINGS | | | | | |
| Revenues | 3,196.3 | 3,767.8 | 3,077.4 | 2,376.5 | 2,077.0 |
| Operating expenses | 2,353.4 | 2,909.6 | 2,207.8 | 1,563.7 | 1,306.7 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 257.1 | 257.7 | 253.7 | 241.1 | 214.9 |
| Interest | 189.2 | 203.2 | 200.1 | 185.7 | 176.0 |
| Dividends on preferred shares | - | 8.9 | 17.9 | 23.3 | 34.5 |
| Interest and other income | (136.7) | (45.9) | (34.0) | (30.0) | |
| (33.3) | | | | | |
| Income taxes | 196.7 | 174.8 | 193.1 | 180.8 | 187.3 |
| Dividends on equity preferred shares | 8.6 | 4.1 | - | - | - |
| Non-controlling interests | 165.0 | 131.0 | 126.1 | 111.2 | 102.0 |
| Earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares | 163.0 | 124.4 | 112.7 | 100.7 | 88.9 |
| SEGMENTED EARNINGS | | | | | |
| Utilities | 76.6 | 38.3 | 40.1 | 47.9 | N/A |
| Power generation | 37.6 | 52.6 | 58.3 | 35.3 | N/A |
| Logistics and energy services | 33.4 | 26.7 | 24.3 | 21.1 | N/A |
| Industrials | 11.0 | 13.9 | 5.2 | 13.0 | N/A |
| Technologies and other businesses | 6.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | (1.2) | N/A |
| Corporate/eliminations | (1.9) | (10.6) | (18.2) | (15.4) | N/A |
| Earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares | 163.0 | 124.4 | 112.7 | 100.7 | N/A |
| BALANCE SHEET | | | | | |
| Property, plant, and equipment (net) | 4,949.2 | 4,591.4 | 4,168.6 | 3,976.9 | 3,898.7 |
| Total assets | 6,403.3 | 5,845.4 | 5,829.4 | 4,944.8 | 4,803.1 |
| Capitalization: | -, | 2,2.2.2 | | | , - |
| Notes payable | _ | 4.6 | 197.1 | 80.7 | 186.5 |
| Long term debt | 1,936.0 | 1,883.0 | 1,897.2 | 1,738.1 | 1,496.8 |
| Non-recourse long term debt | 956.4 | 770.4 | 374.5 | 408.1 | 422.7 |
| Preferred shares | - | ,,0.1 | 300.0 | 350.0 | 500.0 |
| Equity preferred shares | 150.0 | 150.0 | - | - | , , , , |
| Share owners' equity* | 1,044.8 | 911.6 | 822.3 | 744.2 | 681.4 |
| Total capitalization | 4,087.2 | 3,719.6 | 3,591.1 | 3,321.1 | 3,287.4 |
| CASH FLOWS | 1,007.22 | 3,7 17.0 | 3,771.1 | 3,321.1 | 3,207.1 |
| Operations | 539.8 | 546.6 | 519.6 | 493.9 | 434.9 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 649.2 | 842.5 | 502.5 | 415.0 | 469.5 |
| Financing (excluding Class I and II dividends) | 344.4 | (71.3) | 131.3 | (27.3) | 67.3 |
| Class I and II dividends | 34.6 | 30.9 | 27.3 | 23.9 | 20.4 |
| CLASS I & II SHARES | 31.0 | 30.7 | 2/.5 | 23.7 | 20.4 |
| Shares outstanding at end of year* (thousands) | 9,817 | 29,733 | 29,722 | 29,792 | 30,048 |
| Return on equity* | 16.7% | 14.4% | 14.4% | 14.1% | 13.7% |
| Earnings per share* (\$) | 5.47 | 4.18 | 3.79 | 3.36 | 2.96 |
| Dividends paid per share* (\$) | 1.16 | 1.04 | 0.92 | 0.80 | 0.68 |
| Equity per share* (\$) | 35.04 | 30.66 | 27.67 | 24.98 | 22.68 |
| Stock market record - | 33.04 | 50.00 | 2/.0/ | 24.70 | 22.00 |
| Class I Non-Voting shares (\$) High | h 55.00 | 54.00 | 48.00 | 43.75 | 39.00 |
| Low | | 40.50 | 27.50 | 32.20 | 39.00 |
| Clos | | 46.75 | | | |
| Stock market record - | 43.00 | 40./) | 46.65 | 39.80 | 39.00 |
| | h 55.00 | 52.70 | 49.00 | 62.05 | 20.00 |
| Class II Voting shares (\$) Hig | | 52.70 | 48.00 | 43.85 | 38.00 |
| Low | | 42.00 | 28.60 | 33.00 | 30.25 |
| Clos | se 43.35 | 47.00 | 46.85 | 40.00 | 38.00 |

^{*} Includes Class I Non-Voting shares and Class II Voting shares.

CONSOLIDATED FIVE YEAR OPERATING SUMMARY

| (Dollars in millions, except as indicated) | 2002 | 2001 | 2000 | 1999 | 1998 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Utilities | | | | | |
| Natural gas operations | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 103.1 | 84.6 | 87.6 | 86.9 | N/A |
| Pipelines (thousands of kilometres) | 33.7 | 33.5 | 33.5 | 33.0 | N/A |
| Maximum daily demand (terajoules) | 1,670 | 1,470 | 1,737 | 1,595 | 1,696 |
| Sales (petajoules) | 201 | 187 | 209 | 192 | N/A |
| Transportation (petajoules) | 31 | 22 | 18 | 13 | N/A |
| Total system throughput (petajoules) | 232 | 209 | 227 | 205 | N/A |
| Average annual use per | | , | , | | 11/11 |
| residential customer (gigajoules) | 136 | 131 | 148 | 138 | 144 |
| Degree days - Edmonton * | 4,274 | 3,661 | 4,210 | 3,774 | 3,898 |
| - Calgary ** | 4,470 | 3,994 | 4,441 | 3,869 | 4,160 |
| Customers at year-end (thousands) | 862.0 | 837.7 | 816.1 | 798.4 | 779.9 |
| Electric operations | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 162.4 | 154.1 | 114.4 | 100.3 | 100.9 |
| Power lines (thousands of kilometres) | 67.1 | 64.2 | 58.6 | 57.9 | 55.3 |
| Retail sales (millions of kilowatt hours) | 10,224 | 10,108 | 10,392 | 10,068 | 10,188 |
| Average annual use per residential customer (kWh) | 7,445 | 7,270 | 7,444 | 7,367 | 7,274 |
| Customers at year-end (thousands) | 197.8 | 192.0 | 191.0 | 186.8 | 186.4 |
| Power Generation | | | | | |
| | 289.0 | 464.0 | 182.7 | 136.0 | 166.8 |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | | | | | 499 |
| Generating capacity (thousands of kilowatts) | 2,110 | 2,110 | 732 | 539 | 499 |
| Logistics and Energy Services | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 48.9 | 101.9 | 84.7 | 51.4 | N/A |
| Pipelines (thousands of kilometres) | 8.3 | 8.2 | 7.9 | 7.9 | N/A |
| Contract demand for pipelines system access | | | | | |
| (terajoules/day) | 4,890 | 4,876 | 4,559 | 4,378 | N/A |
| Natural gas processed (Mmcf/day) | 420 | 429 | 366 | 332 | 330 |
| Natural gas gathering lines (thousands of kilometres) | 940 | 940 | 670 | 500 | 500 |
| Industrials | | | | | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | 26.4 | 25.6 | 23.8 | 31.5 | 39.9 |
| Lease fleet (units in thousands) | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 1.8 |
| Lease fleet utilization - % | 54 | 65 | 61 | 64 | 38 |
| Space rental fleet (units in thousands) | 4.4 | 3.5 | 2.9 | 2.4 | 1.8 |

^{*} Degree days - Edmonton - are defined as the difference of the mean daily temperature from 14.5 degrees Celsius.

^{**} Degree days - Calgary - are defined as the difference of the mean daily temperature from 15.5 degrees Celsius.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations of ATCO Ltd. (the "Corporation") should be read in conjunction with the Corporation's comparative financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2002, which include the accounts of ATCO Ltd. and all of its subsidiaries. The principal subsidiaries are Canadian Utilities Limited ("Canadian Utilities"), of which ATCO Ltd. owns 41.2% of the Class A non-voting shares and 70.1% of the Class B common shares, for an aggregate ownership of 51.8%, and ATCO Structures Inc. ("ATCO Structures"), ATCO Noise Management Ltd. ("ATCO Noise Management") and ATCO Resources Ltd. ("ATCO Resources"), of which ATCO Ltd. owns 100% of the Class A non-voting and Class B common shares. Canadian Utilities has published its comparative financial statements and its management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2002. Copies of these documents may be obtained upon request from the Vice President, Human Resources and Corporate Secretary of Canadian Utilities at 1400 ATCO Centre, 909 - 11th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta T2R 1N6 (telephone (403) 292-7500 or fax (403) 292-7623).

This discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations may contain forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements.

The Corporation's financial statements are consolidated from five Business Groups: Utilities, Power Generation, Logistics and Energy Services, Industrials and Technologies. For the purposes of financial disclosure, the Technologies Business Group is accounted for as Technologies and Other Businesses and corporate transactions are accounted for as Corporate. (Refer to Note 22 of the comparative financial statements). Transactions between Business Groups are eliminated in all reporting of the Corporation's consolidated financial information.

The Utilities Business Group includes the regulated distribution of natural gas by ATCO Gas, the regulated distribution and transmission of electric energy by ATCO Electric, Northland Utilities (Yellowknife), Northland Utilities (NWT) and Yukon Electrical, the regulated transmission and distribution of water by CU Water and the non-regulated engineering, procurement and construction services for customers in the utility, energy and telecommunications sectors by ATCO Utility Services.

The Power Generation Business Group includes the non-regulated supply of electricity and cogeneration steam by ATCO Power and ATCO Resources and the regulated supply of electricity by Alberta Power (2000).

The Logistics and Energy Services Business Group includes the regulated transmission of natural gas by ATCO Pipelines, the non-regulated gathering, processing, storage, purchase and sale of natural gas by ATCO Midstream and project management and technical services for customers in the industrial, defence and transportation sectors by ATCO Frontec.

The Industrials Business Group includes the manufacture, sale and lease of transportable workforce shelter and space rentals products by ATCO Structures and the design and construction of buildings to reduce noise emissions from industrial facilities by ATCO Noise Management.

The Technologies Business Group and Other Businesses includes the development, operation and support of information systems and technologies by ATCO I-Tek, the billing services, payment processing, credit, collection and call centre services by ATCO I-Tek Business Services, the sale of fly ash and other combustion byproducts produced in coal-fired electrical generating plants by ASHCOR Technologies, the manufacture of wood preservation products by Genics, and the sale of travel services to both business and consumer sectors by ATCO Travel. In addition, ATCO Investments owns commercial real estate in Calgary and Canadian Utilities owns commercial real estate in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated Operations

Segmented revenues and earnings attributable to Class I Non-Voting shares ("Class I shares") and Class II Voting shares ("Class II shares") for the years 2002 and 2001 were as follows:

| Business Groups | Rev | enues | Earni | Earnings | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------|----------|--|
| | 2002 | <u>2001</u> | 2002 | 2001 | |
| | | (\$ N | | | |
| Utilities | 1,867.2 | 2,368.6 | 76.6 | 38.3 | |
| Power Generation | 604.9 | 660.9 | 37.6 | 52.6 | |
| Logistics and Energy Services | 933.7 | 915.8 | 33.4 | 26.7 | |
| Industrials | 202.2 | 228.6 | 11.0 | 13.9 | |
| Technologies and Other Businesses | 106.2 | 107.6 | 6.3 | 3.5 | |
| Corporate | 11.1 | 11.7 | (6.0) | (11.3) | |
| Intersegment | (529.0) | (525.4) | 4.1 | 0.7 | |
| Total | 3,196.3 | 3,767.8 | 163.0 | 124.4 | |

Earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares rose by \$38.6 million to \$163.0 in 2002 and earnings per share increased in 2002 to \$5.47 from \$4.18 in 2001. These increases were primarily due to the sale of the Viking-Kinsella natural gas producing property (the "Viking property") on January 3, 2002. The sale of the Viking property increased earnings by \$34.9 million, earnings per share by \$1.17 and diluted earnings per share by \$1.15. The remainder of the increase was primarily due to stronger operational results from the Logistics and Energy Services Business Group, the impact of colder temperatures in ATCO Gas, lower income tax rates and lower interest expense, partially offset by lower prices received for electricity sold to the Alberta Power Pool by ATCO Power and lower interest income on lower cash balances. Return on common equity was 16.7% in 2002.

Revenues in 2002 decreased by \$571.5 million to \$3,196.3 million. This decrease was primarily the result of lower prices for natural gas and power purchased for customers and lower revenues due to lower customer rates in ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric, lower prices received for electricity sold to the Alberta Power Pool by ATCO Power and lower business activity in Industrials operations, partially offset by the impact of colder temperatures in ATCO Gas.

Operating expenses (consisting of natural gas supply costs, purchased power costs, operating and maintenance expenses, selling and administrative expenses and franchise fees costs) decreased by \$556.2 million to \$2,353.4 million for 2002. This decrease was largely the result of lower prices for natural gas and electricity purchased for customers.

Depreciation and amortization expenses decreased \$0.6 million to \$257.1 million in 2002, primarily due to depreciation adjustments associated with the sale of the Viking property and lower amortization of goodwill, partially offset by capital additions in 2002 and 2001.

Interest expense for 2002 decreased \$14.0 million to \$189.2 million. This decrease was principally due to lower interest rates associated with higher cost debt refinanced in 2001 and 2002. \$27.6 million of interest was capitalized for projects under construction in power generation operations.

Interest and other income for 2002 increased by \$90.8 million to \$136.7 million, primarily due to a \$110.1 million gain on the sale of the Viking property, partially offset by lower interest income on lower cash balances.

Income taxes for 2002 increased by \$21.9 million to \$196.7 million. This increase was primarily due to income taxes of \$42.8 million on the sale of the Viking property, partially offset by a refund to customers of amounts previously recovered from customers for future income taxes related to the Viking property and lower income tax rates.

Quarterly Financial Information

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------|-------|--|
| | (\$ Millions except per share data) | | | | |
| | | (unaudited) | | | |
| 2002 | | | | | |
| Revenues | 922.5 | 699.2 | 598.3 | 976.3 | |
| Earnings Attributable to Class I and Class II shares (1) (2) | 77.7 | 21.8 | 26.3 | 37.2 | |
| Earnings Per Class I and Class II share (1) (2) | 2.61 | 0.73 | 0.89 | 1.24 | |
| Diluted Earnings Per Class I and Class II share (1) (2) | 2.57 | 0.72 | 0.87 | 1.23 | |
| 2001 | | | | | |
| Revenues | 1,502.1 | 909.5 | 651.7 | 704.5 | |
| Earnings Attributable to Class I and Class II shares (1) (2) | 42.3 | 22.6 | 24.3 | 35.2 | |
| Earnings Per Class I and Class II share (1) (2) | 1.42 | 0.76 | 0.82 | 1.18 | |
| Diluted Earnings Per Class I and Class II share (1) (2) | 1.40 | 0.75 | 0.81 | 1.16 | |

Notes:

Utilities

Earnings from the Utilities Business Group for 2002, which amounted to 47.0% of consolidated earnings of the Corporation, increased by \$38.3 million to \$76.6 million. Of this increase, \$34.9 million was due to the sale of the Viking property by ATCO Gas. The property, which had a book value of \$40.4 million, was sold for \$550 million. In accordance with a decision of the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board ("AEUB"), the proceeds from the sale were shared between ATCO Gas' North division customers and the Corporation. The Corporation's share of the net proceeds was \$150.5 million, after adjustments, resulting in a gain of \$110.1 million. The balance of the increase in earnings from the Utilities Business Group was primarily due to the impact of colder temperatures, partially offset by lower customer rates and lower interest income. Temperatures in 2002 were 6.3% colder than normal, whereas temperatures in 2001 were 6.9% warmer than normal.

Revenues in 2002 decreased by \$501.4 million to \$1,867.2 million. This decrease was primarily the result of lower prices for natural gas and power purchased for customers and lower revenues due to lower customer rates, partially offset by the impact of colder temperatures.

Operating expenses for 2002 decreased by \$511.9 million to \$1,516.7 million. This decrease was primarily due to lower natural gas supply and purchased power costs. Natural gas supply and purchased power costs are recovered in customer rates. The amount of natural gas supply costs recorded as an expense is based on the forecast cost of natural gas included in customer rates. The amount of purchased power costs recorded as an expense is based on the actual cost of electricity purchased, whereas the amount included in customer rates is based on forecast cost. Revenues are adjusted for variances from the forecast cost of electricity. Any variances from forecasted natural gas supply costs or purchased power costs are deferred until the AEUB approves revised customer rates to either refund or collect the variance. As a consequence, changes in natural gas supply and purchased power costs have no effect on the Corporation's earnings. In accordance with recent AEUB decisions, customer rates are now adjusted on a monthly basis (see "Regulatory Matters – ATCO Gas" and "Regulatory Matters – ATCO Electric").

Power Generation

Earnings from the Power Generation Business Group for 2002, which amounted to 23.1% of consolidated earnings of the Corporation, decreased by \$15.0 million to \$37.6 million. This decrease was primarily due to lower prices received for electricity sold to the Alberta Power Pool.

⁽¹⁾ There were no discontinued operations or extraordinary items during these periods.

⁽²⁾ Due to the seasonal nature of the Corporation's operations and the timing of rate decisions, earnings for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of operations on an annual basis.

⁽³⁾ The first quarter 2002 results reflect the sale of the Viking property.

Revenues in 2002 decreased by \$56.0 million to \$604.9 million. This decrease was primarily the result of lower prices received for electricity sold to the Alberta Power Pool and lower natural gas fuel supply costs recovered in revenues. Power pool prices averaged \$43.94 per megawatt hour in 2002, compared to average prices of \$71.29 in 2001. Natural gas prices averaged \$3.84 per gigajoule in 2002, compared to average prices of \$5.12 in 2001.

Operating expenses for 2002 decreased by \$14.2 million to \$351.6 million. The decrease was primarily the result of lower fuel costs, partially offset by higher operating and maintenance costs at the Barking power plant and full year operations at the Rainbow Unit 5 and Valleyview generating plants, which became operational in late 2001.

During the third quarter, Brighton Beach Power L.P., a limited partnership formed by ATCO Power and Ontario Power Generation Inc., completed a \$403 million private bond and term debt financing for its 580-megawatt power project under construction at Brighton Beach in Windsor, Ontario.

ATCO Power has an interest in four power projects (Cory, Muskeg River, Scotford and Oldman River) scheduled for completion in the first half of 2003 and having an estimated cost of approximately \$750 million, of which ATCO Power's and ATCO Resources' share is approximately \$540 million. These costs are approximately 15% above original cost estimates, primarily due to labour and engineering markets in Alberta, which tightened during construction and increased equipment, financing and foreign exchange costs. A significant portion of the increased costs are in dispute. A portion of the additional costs will be recoverable over the term of the commercial contracts.

On November 19, 2002, an administration order was issued by a United Kingdom court for TXU Europe Energy Trading Ltd. ("TXU Europe"), which had a long term offtake agreement for 27.5% of the power produced by the Barking power plant, a 1,000 megawatt plant in London, England, in which ATCO Power, through Barking Power Limited, has a 25.5% equity interest. An administration order is similar to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the United States. Barking Power Limited has filed a claim with the Administrator and is working with the Administrator and Creditors' Committees on liquidation of TXU Europe and settlement of claims. The Barking power plant will continue to supply 725 megawatts of power under long term contracts. It is anticipated that the 275 megawatts of power previously supplied to TXU Europe will be sold under short term bilateral agreements.

A joint venture in which ATCO Power has a 50% interest owns and operates a 180 megawatt cogeneration plant in Osborne, Australia. The joint venture has long term agreements with Flinders Osborne Trading Pty Ltd. ("FOT") to supply gas and to purchase all of the power produced at the plant. In December 2002, the joint venture was advised that FOT's parent corporation would no longer provide financial support to FOT. FOT continues to meet its obligations under its agreements with the joint venture. The government of South Australia has guaranteed the obligations of FOT under these agreements.

Logistics and Energy Services

Earnings from the Logistics and Energy Services Business Group for 2002, which amounted to 20.5% of consolidated earnings of the Corporation, increased by \$6.7 million to \$33.4 million. The increase was largely due to improved storage operations and lower interest costs in ATCO Midstream.

Revenues in 2002 increased by \$17.9 million to \$933.7 million. The increase was largely due to higher volumes of natural gas purchased by ATCO Midstream for ATCO Gas and higher storage revenues for ATCO Midstream, partially offset by lower prices for natural gas purchased for ATCO Midstream's and ATCO Pipelines' customers and lower revenues from ATCO Frontec projects, primarily reflecting the terms for a new North Warning System contract which was signed in December 2001 and changes in the contractual arrangements between ATCO Frontec and its North Warning System contract joint venture partner.

Operating expenses for 2002, net of intersegment expenses, decreased by \$11.3 million. This decrease was primarily due to the impact of the changes associated with ATCO Frontec's new North Warning System contract, partially offset by higher shrinkage gas costs in ATCO Midstream.

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Industrials

Earnings from the Industrials Business Group for 2002, which amounted to 6.7% of consolidated earnings of the Corporation, decreased by \$2.9 million to \$11.0 million. The decrease was largely due to lower business activity in ATCO Noise Management, partially offset by higher earnings from ATCO Structures.

Revenues in 2002 decreased by \$26.4 million to \$202.2 million, primarily due to decreased business activity in ATCO Noise Management and in ATCO Structures in South and North America, partially offset by increased business activity for ATCO Structures in Australia and Europe.

Capital resource projects in Canada provide the primary domestic market for the North American workforce housing division. During 2002, the fleet utilization rate of 54% was down from 65% in 2001. Programs to rationalize and modernize the size of the workforce housing lease fleet are continuing.

Operating expenses for 2002 decreased by \$23.1 million to \$176.4 million, primarily as a result of lower business activity.

ATCO Structures will continue to focus on its core businesses of workforce housing in North America, Australia, South America, Europe and selective international markets and on the space rental business in Australia and Canada. ATCO Noise Management will continue to focus on the growing demand for turnkey noise abatement opportunities in the energy and petrochemical industries worldwide.

A number of major projects, which provide opportunities for ATCO Structures, are planned for development in 2003 and beyond. ATCO Structures expects a number of projects in Australia, South America, Europe and Africa to proceed in 2003; however no major projects are expected to proceed in North America prior to 2004. ATCO Noise Management is focussing its efforts on exploring industrial noise abatement opportunities in North America, Latin America and Europe. These areas represent opportunities in the electrical power generation and fossil fuel markets where demand continues to grow.

International sales may expose ATCO Structures and ATCO Noise Management to greater risk than normally associated with domestic transactions due to the political and financial aspects of international business. However, ATCO Structures and ATCO Noise Management will continue to follow strict credit policies on international sales to minimize financial exposure and will continue to utilize its international experience to manage the political and other risks associated with international business. ATCO Structures has marketed and installed its manufactured products in over 105 countries around the world since 1947.

Technologies and Other Businesses

Earnings from Technologies and other businesses for 2002, which amounted to 3.9% of consolidated earnings of the Corporation, increased by \$2.8 million to \$6.3 million. The increase was largely due to improved operating efficiencies and increased business activity.

ATCO I-Tek Business Services Ltd. has entered into a 10-year contract with Direct Energy Marketing Limited ("Direct Energy") to provide billing and customer care services to nearly one million Alberta customers. Commencement of the contract is conditional upon the closing of the sale of ATCO Gas' and ATCO Electric's retail operations to Direct Energy (see "Business Risks – Regulated Operations – Sale of Retail Operations").

Non-Controlling Interests

The interests of non-controlling share owners increased by \$34.0 million to \$165.0 million in 2002. Of this increase, \$32.4 million was due to the sale of the Viking property.

REGULATORY MATTERS

Regulated operations are conducted by ATCO Electric, the ATCO Gas and ATCO Pipelines divisions of ATCO Gas and Pipelines Ltd., CU Water and the generating plants of Alberta Power (2000), all of which are wholly owned subsidiaries of Canadian Utilities' wholly owned subsidiary CU Inc.

In July 2002, the AEUB issued decisions regarding affiliate transactions within the ATCO Group and the Corporation's application to remove the Carbon, Alberta storage facility from regulated service. Both decisions dealt with pricing for services between affiliate companies. The effect of these decisions was to reduce earnings attributable to Class I and Class II shares by \$5.8 million, of which \$4.4 million was provided for in 2000 and 2001. Furthermore, the AEUB determined that the Carbon storage facility should remain a regulated asset.

In August 2002, the Government of Alberta announced further changes to utility legislation in order to improve the environment for retail competition in the Province. The Government announced it intends to introduce a new Electric Utilities Act and revise the Gas Utilities Act and Regulations in the spring of 2003. These changes are designed to bring customer choice for both gas and electricity into closer alignment, as well as to move towards consistent regulatory treatment of investor-owned and municipally-owned utilities.

In September 2002, the AEUB established a process to consider the use of a generic cost of capital methodology for electric and natural gas utilities in Alberta. The first phase of this process is to explore the feasibility and appropriateness of applying a standardised approach for all major gas pipeline and major gas and electric utilities under the jurisdiction of the AEUB. The AEUB has received submissions from interested parties but has not established any further schedule for this process.

ATCO Electric

In December 2000, the Province of Alberta issued regulations providing for the deferral of price and volume variance in excess of forecast amounts in respect of the supply of electricity by distributors to their customers for the year ended December 31, 2000. In June 2002, the AEUB issued decisions approving the collection by ATCO Electric of its deferred costs from customers over a period that is expected to end in July 2003, and permitting ATCO Electric to sell these deferred costs and related rights. On August 14, 2002, ATCO Electric sold deferred costs of \$81 million to an unrelated purchaser for equivalent cash consideration. Generally accepted accounting principles require that this transaction be accounted for as a financing arrangement rather than a sale. Accordingly, the cash received results in the recording of a deferred electricity cost obligation rather than a reduction of deferred electricity costs. The obligation bears interest at 3.3975%, which approximates the interest earned on the deferred costs. The obligation principal and interest incurred will be paid to the purchaser as the deferred costs and interest earned are collected from customers. ATCO Electric serves as agent for the purchaser in billing, collecting and remitting amounts due in respect of the deferred costs. At December 31, 2002, \$51.0 million of the obligation remained outstanding.

In April 2002, the AEUB issued a decision which determined that the electric generation pricing offer strategy utilized by ATCO Electric in 2000 resulted in higher costs to customers than necessary. The decision resulted in a \$4.2 million refund to customers. As the decision related to power generation operations, it has been recognized in the Power Generation Business Group, with \$3.5 million included in the 2001 results and the balance in 2002.

In August 2002, ATCO Electric filed a general tariff application with the AEUB for the 2003, 2004 and 2005 test years. In a decision dated December 11, 2002, the AEUB approved interim refundable rates effective January 1, 2003.

In December 2002, the AEUB approved an application requesting the implementation on January 1, 2003, of a monthly method of calculating electricity prices for regulated rate option customers. The new methodology is intended to provide greater price transparency for customers and to prevent large collection shortfalls or surpluses that would require subsequent adjustment by the AEUB. In addition, as a result of this decision, ATCO Electric anticipates that in the future its deferred account balance will be reduced as customer rates will be adjusted monthly to refund or collect variances in purchased power costs.

ATCO Gas

In October 2001, the AEUB approved the implementation on April 1, 2002 of a monthly method of adjusting customer rates to recover the cost of natural gas purchased for customers of ATCO Gas. The new methodology is intended to provide greater price transparency for customers. In addition, as a result of this decision, ATCO Gas anticipates that in the future its deferred account balance will be reduced as customer rates will be adjusted monthly to refund or collect variances in natural gas supply costs.

In August 2002, ATCO Gas filed a general rate application for the 2003 and 2004 test years. In December 2002, the AEUB issued a decision approving rates on an interim refundable basis effective January 1, 2003.

In December 2002, the AEUB issued a decision approving the sale of ATCO Gas' Beaverhill Lake and Fort Saskatchewan natural gas producing properties. The properties, located east of Edmonton, were sold to NCE Petrofund on January 1, 2003 for S31.5 million. In the decision, the AEUB also approved a settlement to refund \$23 million of the sale proceeds to ATCO Gas' North division customers. The balance of the proceeds will be used to recover ATCO Gas' book value investment in the assets and costs of disposition. The sale has no impact on earnings. ATCO Gas has filed an application with the AEUB seeking approval for the methodology of distributing the proceeds of the settlement. In the same decision, the AEUB also approved final distribution service rates for ATCO Gas' North division for the year 2002, established in a negotiated settlement, which will result in a refund to customers of approximately \$2.5 million in 2003.

In September 2002, the AEUB issued a decision with respect to the distribution of \$6.4 million of proceeds associated with the Westlock et al and Lloydminster production assets sold by ATCO Gas in 2001. ATCO Gas has withdrawn the application for leave to appeal filed in respect of the level of proceeds allocated to customers.

In October 2001, the AEUB approved the sale by ATCO Gas of certain properties located in the City of Calgary known as the Calgary Stores Block, for \$6.6 million and subsequently issued a decision allocating \$4.1 million of the proceeds to customers. A leave to appeal this decision was granted on July 12, 2002. The appeal was heard on December 6, 2002, with the Court's decision reserved.

ATCO Pipelines

In July 2002, the AEUB issued a decision denying NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd.'s application to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline into the Fort Saskatchewan industrial area, an area currently served by ATCO Pipelines. The AEUB found, among other things, that the proposed facilities were not needed and were not the least cost alternative.

On February 14, 2003, ATCO Pipelines filed a general rate application for the 2003 and 2004 test years.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

A major portion of the Corporation's operating income and cash flow is generated from its utility operations. Canadian Utilities and its wholly owned subsidiary. CU Inc., use commercial paper borrowings and short term bank loans to provide flexibility in the timing and amounts of long term financing. ATCO Ltd. has received dividends from Canadian Utilities which have been more than sufficient to service debt requirements and pay dividends.

Cash flow from operations decreased by \$6.8 million to \$539.8 million in 2002. This decrease was principally due to lower earnings in the Power Generation Business Group and a refund of \$20.6 million to customers of amounts previously recovered from customers for future abandonment costs and future income taxes related to the Viking property, partially offset by higher earnings in the Logistics and Energy Services Business Group, the impact of colder temperatures in ATCO Gas, lower income tax rates and lower interest expense.

Investing decreased by \$96.6 million to \$492.0 million in 2002. Capital expenditures decreased by \$193.3 million to \$649.2 million in 2002. This decrease was primarily due to lower investment in power generation, regulated natural gas transmission and unregulated natural gas gathering and processing projects, partially offset by increased investment in regulated natural gas and water distribution projects.

To finance 2002 operations, the Corporation issued \$305.8 million of long term debt, including \$150.0 million of 6.145% Debentures due November 22, 2017 for ATCO Electric, ATCO Gas, ATCO Pipelines and CU Water, and \$50.0 million of 4.801% Debentures due November 22, 2007 for Alberta Power (2000). In addition, \$100.0 million of 6.14% Debentures due November 22, 2012 and \$150.0 million of 5.80% Cumulative Redeemable Second Preferred Shares Series W were issued for general corporate purposes. During 2002, the Corporation issued \$216.2 million of non-recourse long term project debt, including \$138.2 million for the Brighton Beach project. The Corporation also issued \$81.0 million of the deferred electricity cost obligation. The deferred electricity cost obligation was reduced by \$30.0 million, which represents the amount of the deferred electricity cost obligation collected and remitted during the period August 14, 2002 to December 31, 2002.

During 2002, the Corporation redeemed: \$255.6 million of long term debt consisting of \$125.0 million of 12.00% Debentures 1987 Series, \$68.0 million of 5.42% Debentures and \$62.6 million of other debt. In addition, the Corporation redeemed \$46.2 million of non-recourse long term project debt and \$4.6 million of notes payable. Total debt redeemed had interest rates ranging from 2.18% to 12.00%.

The Corporation's cash position (defined as cash and short-term investments less current bank indebtedness) increased by S193.2 million to \$476.6 million in 2002. This increase was primarily due to the issue by Canadian Utilities of \$100 million of 6.14% Debentures due November 22, 2012 and \$150.0 million of 5.80% Cumulative Redeemable Second Preferred Shares Series W.

At December 31, 2002, the Corporation had the following credit lines that enable it to obtain funding for general corporate purposes.

| | Total | Used | Available |
|----------------------|---------|---------------|-----------|
| | | (\$ Millions) | |
| Long term committed | 585.0 | 75.2 | 509.8 |
| Short term committed | 627.7 | 52.9 | 574.8 |
| Uncommitted | 273.3 | 22.5 | 250.8 |
| Total) | 1,486.0 | 150.6 | 1,335.4 |

The amount and timing of future financings will depend on market conditions and the specific needs of the Corporation.

Current and long term future income tax liabilities of \$251.8 million, at December 31, 2002, are attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of assets and liabilities and their tax bases. These differences result primarily from recognising revenue and expenses in different years for financial and tax reporting purposes. Future income taxes will become payable when such differences are reversed through the settlement of liabilities and realisation of assets.

On May 27, 2002, the Corporation commenced a Normal Course Issuer Bid for the purchase of up to 3% of the outstanding Class I shares. The offer will expire on May 26, 2003. To date, no shares have been purchased.

It is the policy of the Corporation to pay dividends quarterly on its Class I and Class II shares. In 2002, the Corporation increased the dividends on Class I and Class II shares by \$0.12 per share, the same increase as in 2001. The matter of an increase in the quarterly dividend is addressed by the Board of Directors in the first quarter of each year. For the first quarter of 2003, the quarterly dividend payment has been increased by \$0.03 to \$0.32 per share. The payment of any dividend is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and depends on the financial condition of the Corporation and other factors.

The current ratings on the Corporation's, Canadian Utilities' and CU Inc.'s securities are as follows:

| | DBRS | S&P |
|-----------------------------|--------------|-----------|
| ATCO Ltd.: | | |
| Preferred shares | Pfd-2 (low) | P-1(low) |
| Canadian Utilities: | | |
| Debentures | A | A |
| Commercial paper | R-1 (low) | A-1(mid) |
| Preferred shares: | | |
| -Obligations of CU Inc. (3) | Pfd-2 (high) | P-1(low) |
| -Obligations of CU | Pfd-2 | P-1(low) |
| CU Inc.: | | |
| Debentures | A (high) | A+ |
| Commercial paper | R-1 (low) | A-1(mid) |
| Preferred shares | Pfd-2 (high) | Not rated |

Notes:

- (1) Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited ("DBRS") maintains a stable trend on the above securities.
- (2) Standard and Poor's ("S&P") has announced that it has placed several Canadian utility companies (including Canadian Utilities Limited and CU Inc.) on credit watch with negative implications, pending a review of the various regulatory environments in which the utilities operate.
- (3) Refers to the Cumulative Redeemable Second Preferred Shares Series Q, R and S and the Perpetual Cumulative Second Preferred Shares Series U and V which were issued by Canadian Utilities prior to the creation of CU Inc. on March 12, 1999.

BUSINESS RISKS

During 2002, the Government of Canada ratified the Kyoto Protocol. The Corporation is unable to determine what impact, if any, the ratification will have on its operations as the implementation plan has not yet been released by the Government. It is anticipated that the Corporation's power purchase arrangements ("PPA's") relating to its coal-fired generating plants will allow the Corporation to recover any increased costs associated with the implementation of the protocol.

Regulated Operations

ATCO Electric, ATCO Gas, ATCO Pipelines and CU Water are regulated primarily by the AEUB, which administers acts and regulations covering such matters as rates, financing, accounting, construction, operation and service area. The AEUB may approve interim rates, subject to final determination. These subsidiaries are subject to the normal risks faced by companies that are regulated. These risks include the approval by the AEUB of customer rates that permit a reasonable opportunity to recover on a timely basis the estimated costs of providing service, including a fair return on rate base. The Corporation's ability to recover the actual costs of providing service and to earn the approved rates of return depends on achieving the forecasts established in the rate-setting process.

Sale of Retail Operations

On December 10, 2002, the Corporation announced that Direct Energy has agreed to purchase the retail energy businesses of ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric. The transaction is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, including the receipt of required regulatory approvals and the Alberta Legislature passing amendments to Alberta's Natural Gas and Electricity Legislation that reflect the market refinements announced by the Minister of Energy in August 2002. The purchase consideration will be based on the number of customers at closing and is estimated to be \$128.5 million, of which \$54.4 million will be payable on closing, \$39.5 million will be payable one year after closing and the balance will be payable two years after closing. Closing is anticipated to occur in mid-2003.

Assuming the sale closes as anticipated, ATCO Gas and ATCO Electric will no longer be involved in arranging for the supply and sale of natural gas and electricity to customers, but will continue to provide transportation and distribution services under AEUB approved rates that provide for a recovery of costs of service and a fair return. The sale does not include any of the distribution and transmission facilities used to deliver natural gas and electricity to customers.

Alberta Power (2000)

Included in regulated operations are the generating plants of Alberta Power (2000), which were regulated by the AEUB until December 31, 2000 but which are now governed by legislatively mandated PPA's approved by the AEUB. These plants are included in regulated operations primarily because the PPA's are designed to allow the owners of generating plants constructed before January 1, 1996 to recover their forecast fixed and variable costs and to earn a return at the rate specified in the PPA's. The plants will become deregulated upon the expiry of the PPA's. Each PPA is to remain in effect until the earlier of the last day of the life of the related generating plant and December 31, 2020.

Substantially all the electricity generated by Alberta Power (2000) is sold pursuant to PPA's. Under the PPA's, Alberta Power (2000) is required to make the generating capacity for each generating unit available to the purchaser of the PPA for that unit. In return, Alberta Power (2000) is entitled to recover its forecast fixed and variable costs for that unit from the PPA purchaser, including a return on common equity equal to the long term Canada bond rate plus 4.5% based on a deemed common equity ratio of 45%. Many of the forecast costs will be determined by indices, formulae or other means for the entire period of the PPA. Alberta Power (2000)'s actual results will vary and depend on performance compared to the forecasts on which the PPA's were based.

Under the terms of various PPA's, the Corporation is subject to an incentive/penalty regime related to generating unit availability. Incentives are paid to the Corporation by the PPA counterparties for availability in excess of predetermined targets, whereas penalties are paid by the Corporation to the PPA counterparties when the availability targets are not achieved.

Accumulated incentives in excess of accumulated penalties are deferred. For any of the individual PPA's, should accumulated incentives plus estimated future incentives exceed accumulated penalties plus estimated future penalties, the excess will be amortized to income on a straight-line basis over the remaining term of the PPA's. Should accumulated penalties plus estimated future penalties exceed accumulated incentives plus estimated future incentives, the shortfall will be expensed in the year the shortfall occurs.

At December 31, 2002, the Corporation had recorded \$45.0 million of deferred availability incentives.

Fuel costs in Alberta Power (2000) are mostly for coal supply. To protect against volatility in coal prices, Alberta Power (2000) owns or has sufficient coal supplies under long term contracts for the anticipated lives of its Battle River and Sheerness coal-fired generating plants. These contracts are at prices that are either fixed or indexed to inflation.

As a result of unprecedented drought conditions, the water level in the cooling pond used by the Battle River plant in its production of electricity is now at an all-time low. If the water level continues to fall, production from this plant could be curtailed in 2003. Should production be curtailed at the plant, the Corporation expects to make a claim under the force majeure provisions contained in the plant PPA.

Non-Regulated Operations

The Corporation's non-regulated operations are complementary to its traditional regulated businesses and are related to them in terms of skills, knowledge and experience. The Corporation accounts for its non-regulated operations separately from its regulated operations. The Corporation's non-regulated operations are subject to the risks faced by any commercial enterprise in those industries and in those countries in which they operate.

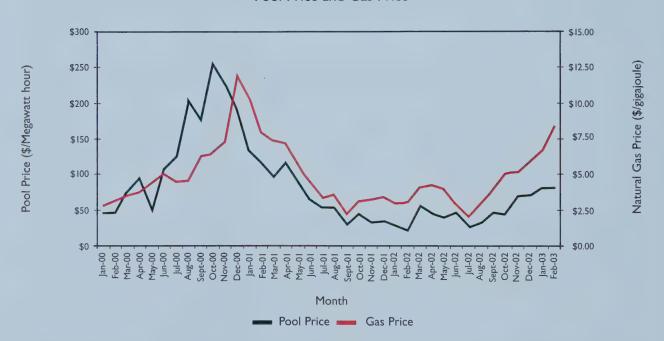
The Corporation's portfolio of non-regulated electric generating plants is made up of gas-fired cogeneration, gas-fired combined cycle, gas-fired simple cycle, and small hydro plants. The majority of operating income from power generation operations is derived through long term power, steam and transmission support agreements. Where long term agreements are in place, the purchaser assumes the fuel supply and price risks and the Corporation, under these agreements, assumes the operating risks.

ATCO Power and ATCO Resources

ATCO Power's and ATCO Resources' generating plants include high efficiency gas-fired cogeneration plants, with associated on-site steam and power tolling arrangements, and gas-fired peaking plants with underlying transmission support agreements. In 2002, sales from approximately 66% of ATCO Power's and ATCO Resources' generating capacity were subject to long term agreements, while the remaining 34% consisted primarily of sales to the Alberta Power Pool. In 2003, the portion of generating capacity subject to long term agreements is expected to be approximately 63% while the remaining 37% is expected to consist primarily of sales of electricity to the Alberta Power Pool. These sales are dependent on prices in the Alberta electricity spot market. The majority of the electricity sales to the Alberta Power Pool are from gas-fired generating plants, and as a result operating income is affected by natural gas prices. During peak electricity usage hours in Alberta, a strong correlation exists between electricity spot prices and natural gas spot prices. During off-peak hours, there is less correlation. The correlation is expected to increase in the future as customer load grows and older plants are decommissioned.

Electricity pool prices and gas prices can be very volatile, as shown in the following graph, which illustrates a range of prices experienced during the period January 2000 to February 2003.

Pool Price and Gas Price



Changes in electricity pool prices and gas prices may have a significant impact on the Corporation's earnings and cash flow from operations in the future. It is the Corporation's policy to continually monitor the status of its non-regulated electrical generating capacity that is not subject to long term commitments.

ATCO Power and ATCO Resources have financed their non-regulated electrical generating capacity on a non-recourse basis. In these projects, the lender's recourse in the event of default is limited to the business and assets of the project in question, which includes the Corporation's equity therein. Canadian Utilities has provided a number of guarantees related to ATCO Power's and ATCO Resources' obligations under their respective non-recourse loans associated with certain of their projects. ATCO Power (80%) and ATCO Resources (20%) have a joint venture in these projects. ATCO Ltd. has indemnified and agreed to reimburse Canadian Utilities for any amounts it may be required to pay under these guarantees in respect of ATCO Resources' 20% interest.

These guarantees cover the following items:

a) **Equity contributions** – Represents equity funding requirements needed to complete construction of the project being built. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the obligations under these guarantees is anticipated to be:

| Project | Amount |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| | (\$ Millions) |
| Scotford project financing | 5.6 |
| Brighton Beach project financing | 61.4 |

b) **Completion of construction** – Represents completion guarantees associated with project financing whereby non-completion of a project by a certain date will require the repurchase of all or a portion of the project debt. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the obligations under these guarantees is:

| Project | Amount | Expiry Date |
|---|---------------|--------------------|
| | (\$ Millions) | |
| ATCO Power Alberta Limited Partnership ("APALP") project financing: | | |
| Oldman River project | 21.0 | May 31, 2003 |
| Brighton Beach project financing | 201.5 | September 30, 2006 |

- c) **Project cash flows** Represents annual payments related to maintaining base case margins for electricity prices on the merchant power component of the project, being 30 megawatts for the Scotford project and 60 megawatts for the Muskeg River project. These guarantees will become effective upon the commercial operation of the plants and exist until 2022, when the project debt is to be fully repaid. The amounts payable under these guarantees will vary each year depending on the pool price received for the merchant power generated. Any payments made to maintain the project base case margins will either be available for distribution to the owners or be applied to mandatory prepayment of the project debt in accordance with the terms of the project financing agreement depending upon the specific operating results of the plant. At December 31, 2002, no amounts were payable as the Scotford and Muskeg River projects had not yet reached commercial operation.
- d) Reserve amounts Represents amounts to be set aside for major maintenance and debt service reserves as stipulated in the project's financing agreement. These reserves are intended to be funded with project cash flows. To the extent that project cash flows are insufficient to meet reserve requirements, Canadian Utilities may choose to provide guarantees in lieu of ATCO Power providing security. At December 31, 2002, the amount of the obligations under these guarantees is:

| Project | Major Maintenance | Debt Service | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--|--|
| | (\$ | (\$ Millions) | | |
| APALP project financing | NIL (1) | 8.3 | | |
| Joffre project financing | NIL (2) | 5.0 | | |

Notes:

e) Prepaid operating and maintenance fee - Should ATCO Power cease to be operator of the APALP generating plants as a result of a termination of the operating agreement, Canadian Utilities has guaranteed the payment of the unamortized portion of the prepaid operating and maintenance fee to APALP, the proceeds of which are to be used to repay project debt in accordance with the project financing agreements. This guarantee, which declines by \$1.5 million per year, remains in effect until 2016, when the project debt is to be fully repaid. At December 31, 2002, the maximum value of the guarantee is \$43.5 million.

⁽¹⁾ No major maintenance reserve required for this financing.

⁽²⁾ Reserve requirements of \$0.4 million met with project cash flows.

- f) Purchase project assets Represents an obligation to purchase the Scotford and Muskeg River projects at a price sufficient to repay any outstanding project debt upon the occurrence of any one of the following very limited events:
 - (i) where all of the following events have occurred:
 - the insolvency of ATCO Power;
 - the failure of the project debt lenders to complete a sale of the project pursuant to their security within a fixed period of time; and
 - the project purchaser of electricity and steam elects to terminate its purchase contracts due to the insolvency of ATCO Power;
 - (ii) where the project purchaser of electricity and steam does not remove ATCO Power as operator of the project after an event of default under the project financing agreements in circumstances where such default is either:
 - a deliberate or willful breach of a project financing agreement; or
 - where ATCO Power has failed to co-operate with the lenders in a sale of the project; and
 - (iii) where the project purchaser of electricity and steam terminates its purchase contracts for the project as a result of a default by ATCO Power's project minority joint venturers. ATCO Power has the right to cure any such default by acquiring the minority interest which is in default.

These guarantees remain in effect until the project debt is fully repaid. At December 31, 2002, no such events had occurred.

Canadian Utilities has also guaranteed ATCO Power's duties to operate the Barking Power, Scotford and Muskeg River generating plants in accordance with acceptable industry operating standards under the relevant project contracts.

To date, Canadian Utilities has not been required to pay any of its guaranteed obligations.

Hedging

In conducting its business, the Corporation uses various instruments, including forward contracts, swaps and options, to manage the risks arising from fluctuations in exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. All such instruments are used only to manage risk and not for trading purposes.

The Corporation designates each derivative instrument as a hedge of specific assets or liabilities on the balance sheet or specific firm commitments or anticipated transactions. The Corporation also assesses, both at the hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivative instruments that are used in hedging transactions are effective in offsetting changes in fair values or cash flows of the hedged items.

Payments or receipts on derivative instruments that are designated and effective as hedges are recognized concurrently with, and in the same financial category as, the hedged item.

If a derivative instrument is terminated or ceases to be effective as a hedge prior to maturity, the gain or loss at that date is deferred and recognized in income concurrently with the hedged item. Subsequent changes in the value of the derivative instrument are reflected in income. If the designated hedged item is sold, extinguished or matures prior to the termination of the related derivative instrument, the gain or loss at that date on such derivative instrument is recognized in income.

February 27, 2003

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



William L. Britton

William L. Britton, Q.C. (1) (4)
Partner, Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta

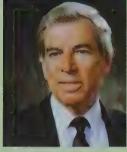
Mr. Britton is a Partner at Bennett Jones LLP, Calgary, Alberta, and was Chairman and/or Managing Partner of Bennett Jones from 1981 to 1997. Mr. Britton was first elected to the Board of Directors of ATCO Ltd. in September 1975 and became a Director of Canadian Utilities Limited in June 1980. He is Vice Chairman and Lead Director of ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited and Chairman of the Corporate Governance, Nomination, Succession and Compensation Committee. He is a Director of all ATCO and Canadian Utilities Limited subsidiaries and the five ATCO Business Groups. Mr. Britton's other directorships include Akita Drilling Ltd., Forest Oil Ltd., Hanzell Vineyards Ltd., Geary-Market Investment Company and the Denver Broncos Football Club.



Bertrand P. Collomb

Bertrand P. Collomb Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Lafarge S.A., Paris, France

Mr. Collomb is the Chairman and C.E.O. of Lafarge S.A., headquartered in Paris, France. Lafarge is a world leader in building materials, with 83,000 employees in 75 countries around the world. Mr. Collomb is a graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique and the Ecole des Mines in Paris and he also holds a French law degree and a PhD in Management. He held several executive positions in Lafarge Coppee since 1975, culminating in his appointment as Chairman and C.E.O. in 1989. He is a Director of Total Fina Elf and Vivendi Universal and is a member of several international business associations and councils. Mr. Collomb was elected to the Board of ATCO Ltd. in May, 1999.



Brian P. Drummond

Brian P. Drummond (1) (2) (3)
Corporate Director, Montréal, Québec

Mr. Drummond is a Corporate Director based in Montréal, Québec and most recently was Vice Chairman, Richardson Greenshields of Canada Limited. He was also previously Chief Executive Officer of Greenshields Inc. Mr. Drummond is a past Chairman of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada and the Montréal Exchange. Mr. Drummond was first elected to the Board of ATCO Ltd. in 1968, when the company initially went public, and to the Board of Canadian Utilities Limited in 1997. Mr Drummund is Chairman of the ATCO Ltd. Audit Committee.



Basil K. French

Basil K. French (1) (2) (3) (4)
President, Karusel Management Ltd., Calgary, Alberta

Mr. French is the President of Karusel Management Ltd., a Calgary-based company specializing in management consulting and property management. Prior to the establishment of Karusel Management, Mr. French was with the firms of Buchanan, Barry, Miller and French Chartered Accountants and Price Waterhouse & Co. Mr. French is the Chairman of Canadian Utilities Audit Committee and is a Director of all ATCO and Canadian Utilities subsidiaries and the five Business Groups. Mr. French was elected to the Boards of ATCO Ltd. in November 1982 and Canadian Utilities Limited in April 1981.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



H. Earl Joudrie

H. Earl Joudrie Corporate Director, Toronto, Ontario

Mr. Joudrie is a Corporate Director based in Toronto, Ontario. He is on the Board of Directors of six corporations, including ATCO Ltd., Canadian Tire, Abitibi Consolidated Inc., Zargon Oil and Gas Ltd., CARMA Corporation and Trenton Steel Works. He served on the Canadian Utilities Limited Board from August 1982 to May 1999 and then was elected to ATCO Ltd. in May 1999. He has extensive experience in a broad range of sectors including energy, industrial and consumer products.



Donald F. Mazankowski

Rt. Hon. Donald F. Mazankowski, P.C., O.C., D. Eng., LL.D. Corporate Director and Business Consultant, Vegreville, Alberta

Rt. Hon. Don Mazankowski was first elected to the House of Commons in 1968 and served as a Member of Parliament for Vegreville until his retirement from federal politics in 1993. During his time in Ottawa, he held several portfolios in cabinet and the shadow cabinet and in 1986 he was appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Government House Leader and President of the Queen's Privy Council. In January 2000 he was named chairman of the Premier's Advisory Council on Health. In addition he serves on a number of corporate boards involved in international trade and commerce.Mr. Mazankowski served on the Board of Canadian Utilities Limited from May 1994 to May 1999 and then was elected to ATCO Ltd. in May 1999.



Helmut M. Neldner

Helmut M. Neldner (2)(3)
Corporate Director, Westerose, Alberta

Mr. Neldner is a Corporate Director based in Westerose, Alberta. He has extensive experience in the telecommunications industry and is the former President & Chief Executive Officer of AGT and Telus Corporation. He serves on several Boards of Directors including ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited (CU) as well as the five ATCO Business Groups. He was nominated and elected to the CU Board in May 1991 and the ATCO Ltd. Board in May 1997.



Nancy C. Southern

Nancy C. Southern
President and Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Ltd.

Nancy Southern was appointed President & Chief Executive Officer, ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited, effective January 1, 2003. Previously she had been Co-Chairman & Chief Executive Officer since January 2000, Deputy Chief Executive Officer since May 1998 and Deputy Chairman since January 1996 of ATCO Group. She has been a Director of the Corporation since 1990. Ms. Southern has full responsibility for executing strategic direction and the on-going operations of the corporation, reporting to the Board of Directors. She is currently a Director of ATCO Ltd. and Canadian Utilities Limited and serves on the Boards of all the ATCO Group subsidiary companies. She is also a Director of the Bank of Montreal, Shell Canada Limited, Akita Drilling Ltd., and Sentgraf Enterprises Ltd.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Ronald D. Southern

Ronald D. Southern, C.B.E., C.M., LL.D. Chairman of the Board of Directors, ATCO Ltd.

Ron Southern is Chairman of the Board, ATCO Ltd., Canadian Utilities Limited and all ATCO Group subsidiary companies. Together with his late father, S.D. Southern, Mr. Southern founded ATCO Group in 1947 and served as the company's President for 47 years. He is credited with transforming the company to what it is today — one of Canada's premier corporations with assets of \$5.9 billion and employing more than 6,000 people. Mr. Southern also serves as Chairman of Akita Drilling Ltd. and Sentgraf Enterprises Ltd.



Lodewijk C. van Wachem

Lodewijk C. van Wachem, K.B.E. Chairman of the Board, Zurich Financial Services, The Hague, The Netherlands

Mr. L. C. van Wachem was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors of Zurich Financial Services in 2002 and continues as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Royal Philips Electronics N.V. Mr. Van Wachem served on the Board of Directors of IBM Corporation and as Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company until 2002. He is an Honorary Commander as well as an Honorary Knight of the Order of the British Empire and also a Knight of the Netherlands Lion and a Commander in the Order of Oranje Nassau. He was appointed to the Board of ATCO Ltd. in 1993.

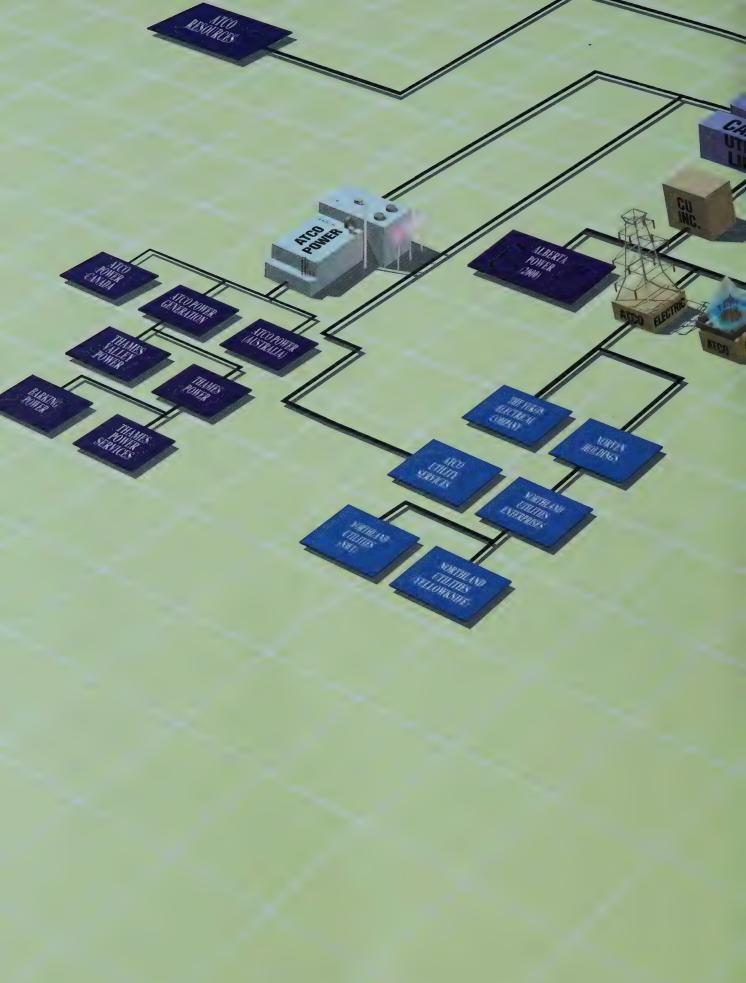


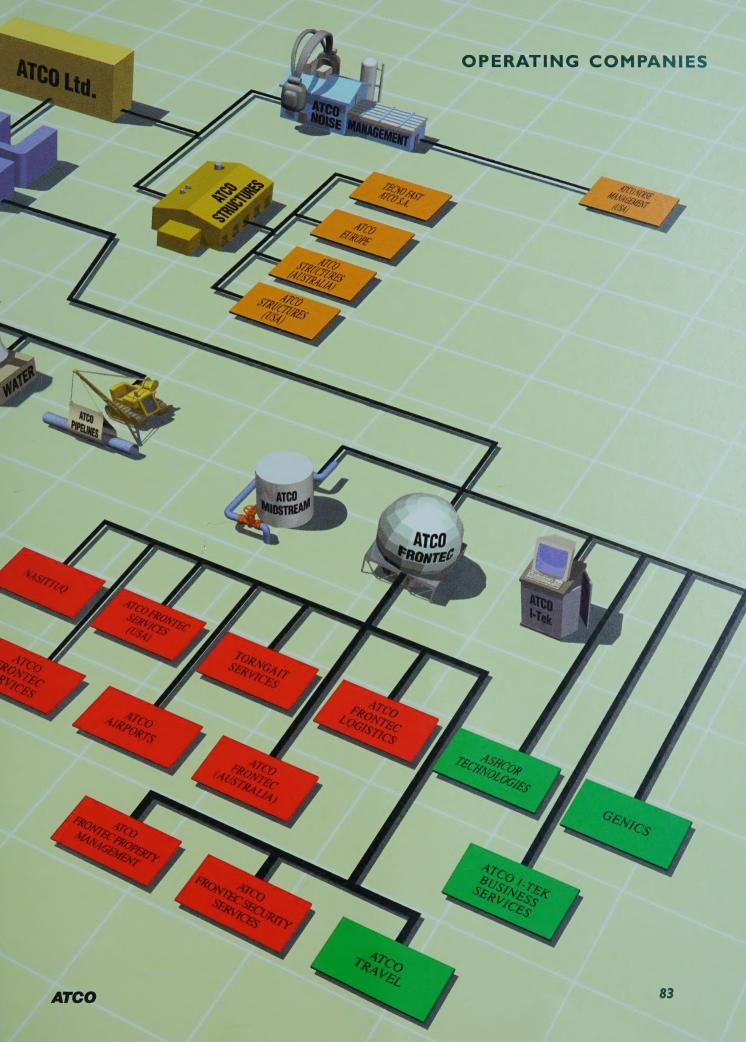
Charles W. Wilson

Charles W. Wilson (3)
Corporate Director, Evergreen, Colorado

Mr.Wilson is former President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of Shell Canada Limited and former President and Director of Shell Investments Limited (Canada). Mr. Wilson graduated from the University of New Mexico with his Master of Science in Engineering and held several senior executive positions in refining and marketing, chemical, oil and gas production and corporate planning during his career at Shell. He was elected to the Boards of Canadian Utilities Limited in May 2000 and ATCO Ltd. in May 2002, and to the Akita Drilling Board and the Talisman Energy Board in 2002. He also serves on the Big Rock Brewery Board.

- (1) Member of the Corporate Governance-Nomination, Succession and Compensation Committee
- (2) Member of the Audit Committee
- (3) Member of the Risk Review Committee
- (4) Member of the Crisis Management Committee





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GENERAL INFORMATION

INCORPORATION

ATCO Ltd. is incorporated under the laws of the Province of Alberta.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of Share Owners will be held at 10:00 a.m. M.D.T. Wednesday, May 14, 2003 at The Fairmont Palliser Hotel, 133 - 9th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta.

AUDITORS

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Calgary, Alberta

COUNSEL

Bennett Jones LLP Calgary, Alberta

TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Class I Non-Voting and Class II Voting shares and Series 3 Preferred Shares CIBC Mellon Trust Company Montreal/Toronto/Calgary/Vancouver

STOCK EXCHANGE LISTINGS

Class I Non-Voting Symbol ACO.X Class II Voting Symbol ACO.Y Listing: The Toronto Stock Exchange

CUMULATIVE REDEEMABLE PREFERRED SHARES

5.75% Series 3 Symbol ACO.PR.A Listing: The Toronto Stock Exchange

ATCO GROUP ANNUAL REPORTS

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